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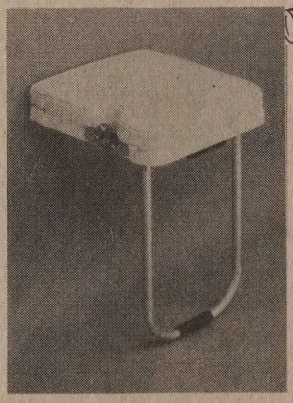

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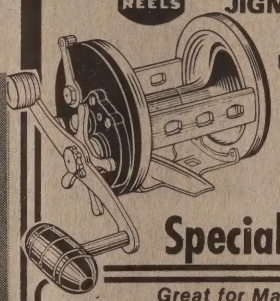

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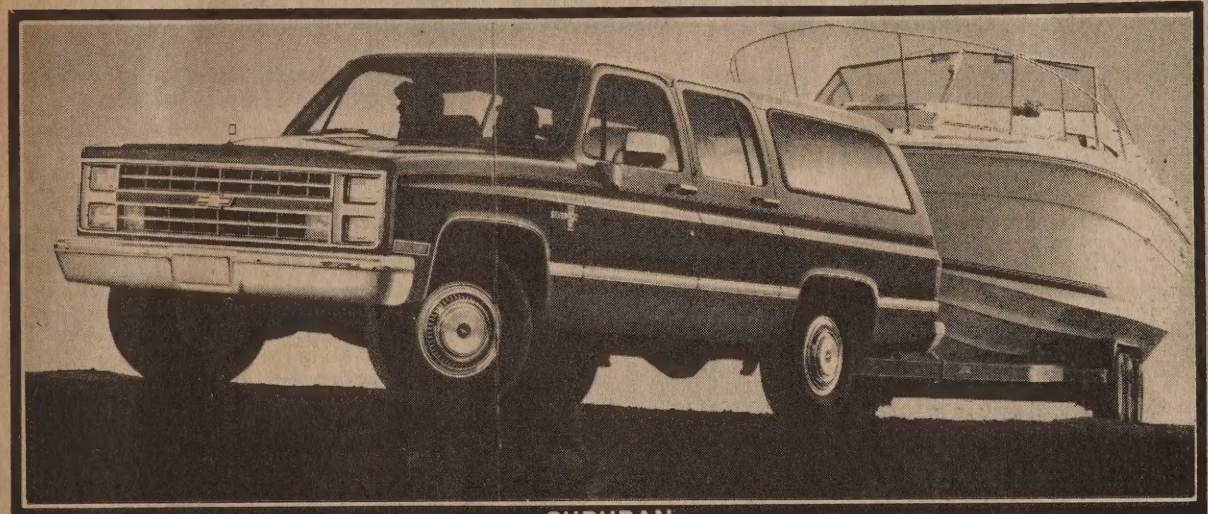

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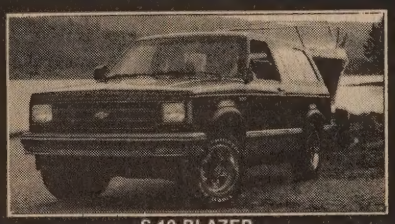

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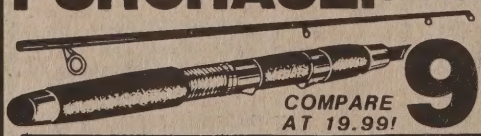

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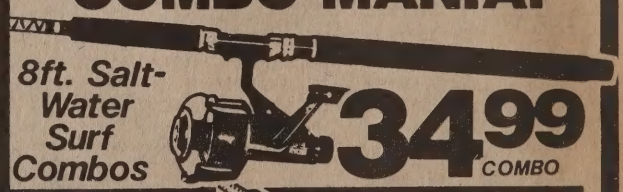

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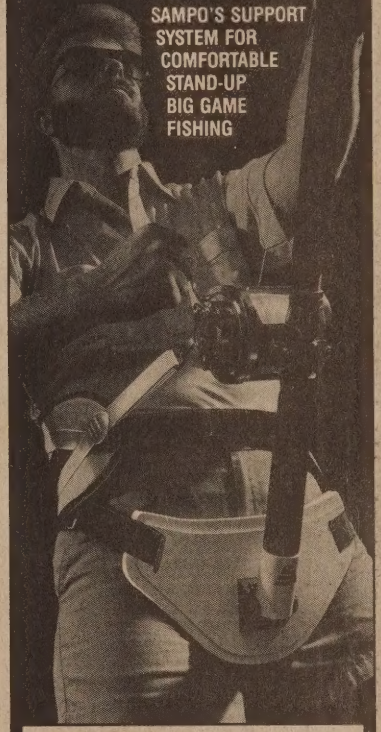

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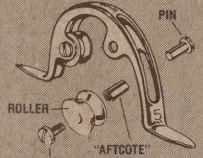

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ATLANTIS ANGLERS 11TH ANNUAL WEAKFISH TOURNEY

This tournament is for Club particiation only. Any club wishing to enter is welcome. Tournament days are Saturday, May 30th and Sunday, May 31st. Captains meeting May 27th.

For more information, please call Bob Brucato at (516) 379-3543 or Ralph Horowitz at (516) 889-0931 after 7PM please.

EARLY SEASON SHARK TOURNEY ANNOUNCED BY MONTAUK MARINE BASIN

Anticipating a very early and explosive shark season in Eastern Long Island waters, the Montauk Marine Basin has announced that its 17th Annual Shark Tag Tournament will be held the weekend of June 27th and 28th, with a gala celebration to kick off the event on Friday evening, the 26th.

The Tournament will offer a total purse of $25,000 in cash prizes, the largest in its history. The early date was determined by a pattern of excellent early shark seasons in recent years and primarily to the outcome of our 1986 tournament.

The Montauk Marine Basin is setting a conservation oriented tone for this year's tournament, encouraging entrants to tag and release all but the largest sharks. "We want to put an end to the senseless slaughter of large numbers of sharks," says the Marine Basin's Carl Darenberg, Jr. "By communicating with our radio control boat, fishermen will be able to get up-to-the minute information on the largest sharks boated up to that point in the tournament. This will allow them to make reasoned judgments about releasing any smaller fish."

Prizes for this year's tournament will be $12,000 for the largest mako; $8,000 for the largest shark of any species and $5,000 for the largest blue shark. Under this prize structure a very large mako could capture two out of three categories, sending one angler home with as much as $20,000 in prize money. In addition, smaller cash and tackle awards will be made in special categories.

The $500 per vessel entry fee for this year's Shark Tag Tournament includes one can of chum and one slab of bait per day. Our registration cutoff date will be June 15th.

Due to the overwhelming response to our Kick Off celebration last year, our "Tex Mex Barbecue and Cocktail Party" this year will have a charge of $10 per person.

Darenberg adds that the early tournament date will offer the advantage of greater availability and lower prices for local overnight accommodations which can be scarce and expensive later in the summer season. The tournament is open to both individual anglers and clubs, fishing from private or charter boats. A full range of charter facilities are available by reservation at the Montauk Marine Basin.

This year' Shark Tag Tournament will receive national media coverage in Tournament Digest and other prominent outdoor publications.

For further information and entry forms, contact Carl Darenberg, Jr., at the Montauk Marine Basin, Inc., West Lake Drive, Montauk, NY 11954, (516) 668-5900.

ATLANTIS ANGLERS MAY 26TH MEETING

Guest speaker will be Ronnie Bauer, to talk about "How to Catch Weakfish." This comes at a great time, as our 11th Annual Weakfish Tournament will be held on May 30th and 31st. I'm sure we will be all ears.

Any persons wanting to join a club are welcome. For information please call Jay Ebbetts, (516) 766-4381 or Ralph Horowitz, (516) 889-0931. After 7PM, please.

LONG ISLAND FISHING EXTENDED TO ONE HOUR

Superstation TV 55's **Long Island Fishing** Show with Lorry Mangan has been extended from a half hour to a full hour effective immediately, announced Marv Chauvin, General Manager. The show, which features up-to-the-minute fishing reports, special "Old Salt" interview segments and exciting video taken on Long Island's top charter and party boats, has been a permanent fixture on Channel 55's program schedule since March 21, 1986.

"People like the video we air the best," says Lorry Mangan, "we always have great footage of real people fishing on charter and party boats." In addition, the show features "how to" troll, jig, and bait segments making L.I. Fishing irresistible. Notes Lorry, "We even have a guy in Buffalo who watches us—he has a friend on Long Island tape every show and mail it to him."

Long Island Fishing with Lorry Mangan airs Fridays 7-8PM and

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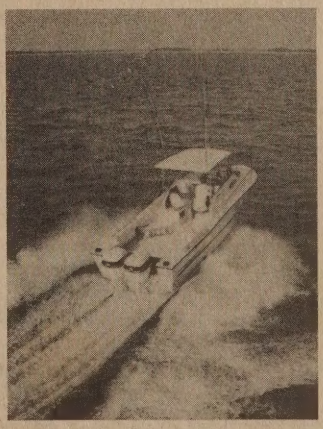
Craig Gaunya

Craig Gaunya of Point Judith, R.I. is well-known on the upper East Coast. He and his Hydra-Sports 2500 Walkaround fish from Maine to Cape May, chasing everything from brawling bluefish to giant tuna. But his favorite run is to the canyons 100 or so miles off Montauk and Block Island.

"My Hydra-Sports is the ideal canyon runner," Craig says. "It gets me out there quickly and safely, and in most seas I can cruise at about 32 knots." The twin Johnson 150's on the transom give him a top speed of about 50 knots, but he can rarely use it. "At cruise, I average about 10 gph, which means when you compute the round-trip, plus trolling time, the average canyon trip takes about 125 gallons of gas."



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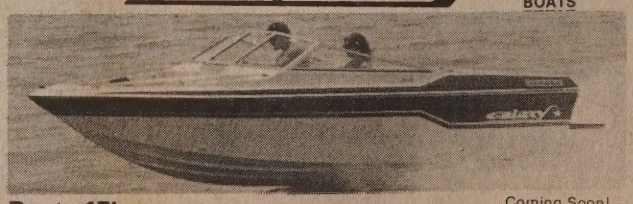

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For more information, contact Eugene Capurso, Public Affairs Officer at 665-7366.

HUNTINGTON ANGLERS FLEA MARKET

The 4th Annual Huntington Anglers Club sporting goods Flea Market will take place on Sunday, May 17th at 9AM. It is being held at Pop Velsor's Port Engine, 10 East 9th Street, Huntington Sta., New York (one block south of Pulaski Rd.)

There will be boating, fishing and camping equipment on hand.

Sellers come in one hour early to sign up and get tables assigned. Seller need not be member of H.A.C. H.A.C. reserves the right to refuse some items for sale. Fifteen percent of selling price to be donated to club. Everyone is welcome. Rain date is May 24th. For information, call (516) 433-6194.

PROPOSED COAST GUARD BUDGET THREATENS BOATING SAFETY

National Boating Federation President, Eve Finch, told a Congressional subcommittee that boating safety programs would be weakened substantially under the Coast Guard budget proposed for next year.

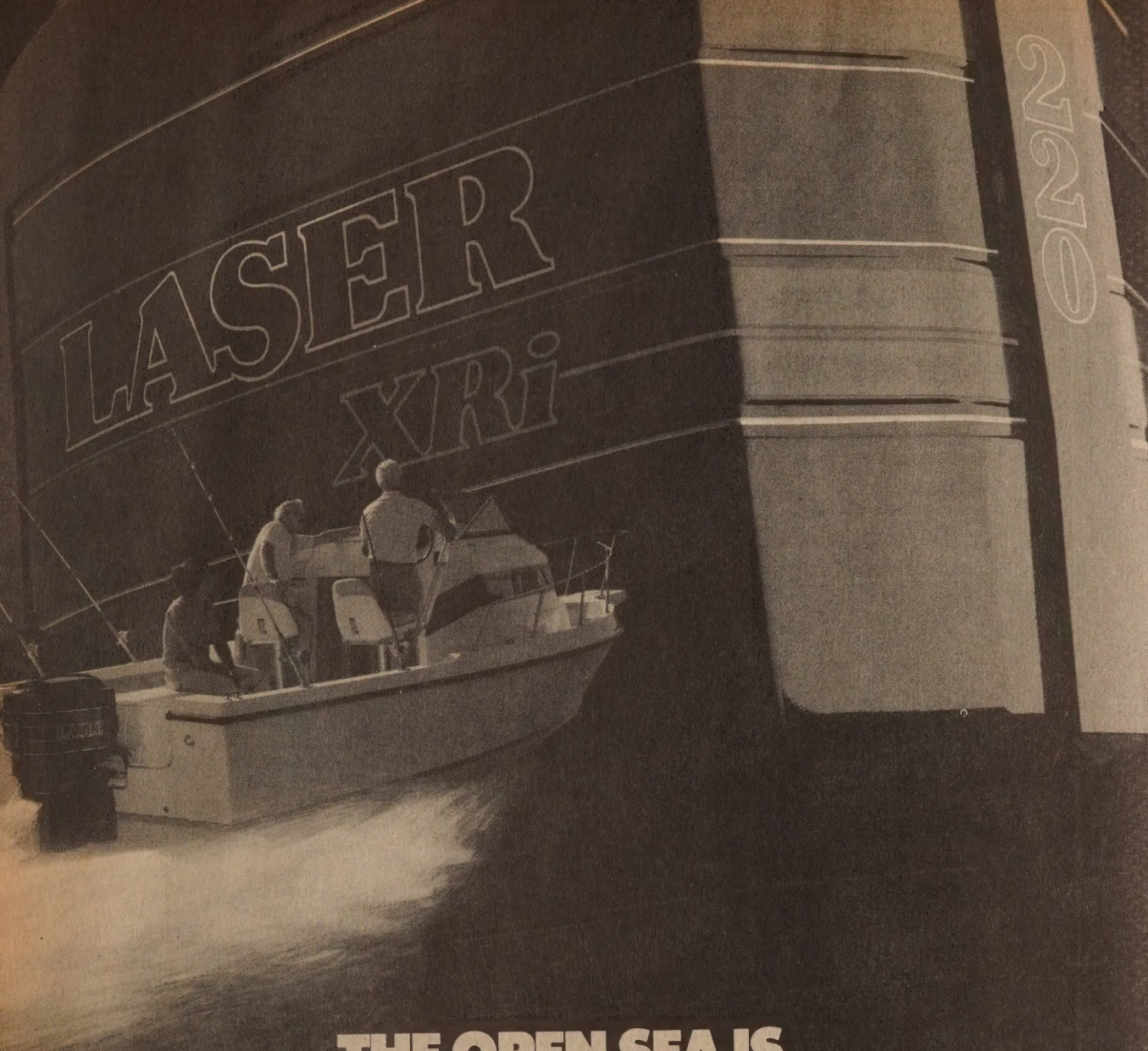
Finch advised the House Coast Guard and Navigation Subcommittee April 22nd to reject a proposal that would reverse the current funding ratio for state-operated boating safety programs.

"The effect is to redirect $15 million a year presently authorized for state boating safety assistance to the Coast Guard," Finch said, "and not for increased boating safety services, but rather for the general operating expenses of the Coast Guard."

The Coast Guard's parent agency, the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, wants to double its slice of funds generated by a federal excise tax on fuel used in recreational boats to pay for a larger share of the Coast Guard operating budget.

Under the Wallop-Breaux Act of 1984, $45 million in fuel tax revenues goes into a trust fund for boating safety. Two-thirds of the money ($30 million) is to go to the states on a matching funds basis for boater safety education, search-and-rescue services and law enforcement.

The remaining $15 million is earmarked to the Coast Guard budget for operations directly related to recrea-



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tional boating.

Finch urged the lawmakers to keep the current $30 million funding level for state boating safety assistance which not only allows states to provide services where the Coast Guard does not have a presence or jurisdiction, but relieves the agency of boating safety responsibility where it does have jurisdiction so that it can concentrate on higher priority missions.

In any case, Finch observed, the Coast Guard has cut back boating safety services steadily over the past several years, relinquishing major responsibility to the states, now able to take on such increased functions only because of fuel tax funds.

Instead of reversing the funding ratio and defeating the purpose of the law, Finch called on Congress to raise the ceiling to $60 million, as it did last year, since the motorboat fuel tax yields some $100 million annually.

The increased appropriation could be divided equally between the states and the Coast Guard, doubling the amount for the service while holding the state level constant at $30 million.

Finch also said the law should be amended to guarantee that the amount appropriated for state programs would never be less than the Coast Guard share.

"As matters now stand," she said, "the states cannot afford to make long range plans because they do not know how much will be appropriated to them from year to year."

As president of the National Boating Federation, Finch heads an alliance of national, state and local boating organizations representing approximately two million boaters. The Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit federation represents 31 affiliated organizations comprising 2,200 boat and yacht clubs in 49 states.

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Congratulations, guys, for a job well done and thanks for participating.

CAYMAN ISLANDS MILLION DOLLAR MONTH 1987

Fin fanatics from all over the USA, Canada and Europe will once again converge on the Cayman Islands, an island trio in the Caribbean, for a fun-filled, but determined quest to win over a million dollars in cash and prizes.

Preparations for this year's Million Dollar Month Fishing Tournment are well under way on the island as Chairman, Bill Rewalt and his committee members gear up for one of the biggest MDMs to date.

MDM, as it is fondly referred to, is held throughout the month of June in the Cayman Islands, a British Crown colony, just an hour's flight south of Miami, Florida.

This year's grand lure, which will be awarded to the angler who is able to break the International Game Fish Association's All Tackle Blue Marlin Record (1,282 lbs.) is a Sportfisherman, a 1987 Porsche and a lifetime pass on Cayman Airways—in addition to the million dollars in cash. Other cash prizes for the largest fish caught during the month have been doubled over last year's money.

The official starting time each day will be 8AM, a little later than last year, and the reeling in time (not mandatory) will be 4PM.

An entertainment committee has been established this year to plan after-fishing activities for participating anglers.

There will be four weekend tournaments during the month, the first of which is the Cico/Avis Million Dollar Start on June 1st. This will be followed by Rotary's 'Take A Kid Fishing' open charity tournament, June 6 and 7; the Bacardi/Budweiser June 13, 14, 15; the H.D. Classic June 19, 20, 21; and closing the month off will be the Cayman Islands Angling Club tournament on the 26, 27 and 28.

The Rotary Club's 'Take a Kid Fishing' Tournament scheduled for June 6 and 7 requires anglers to register a junior angler to be eligible—for the juniors there will be a selection of prizes.

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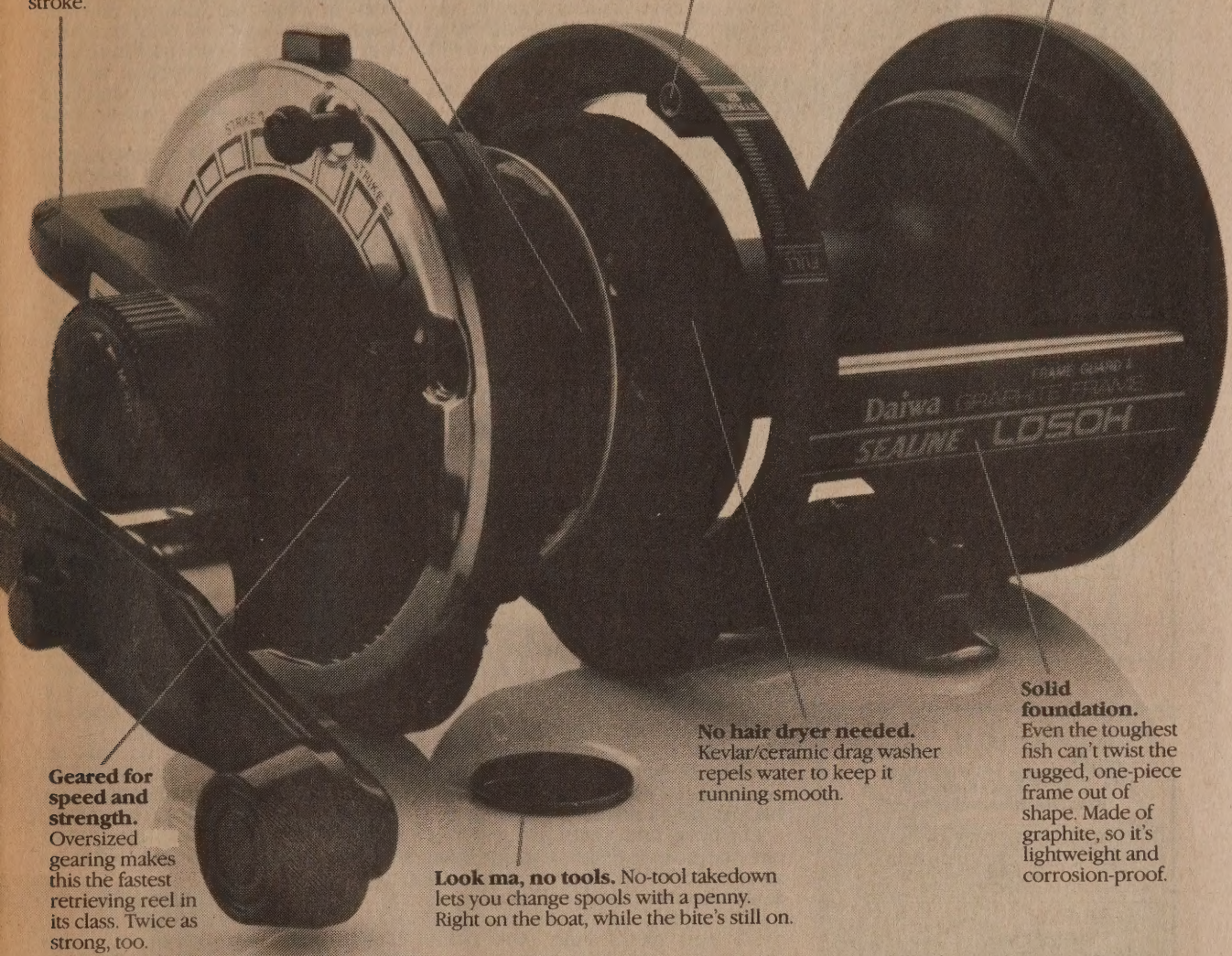

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One', a private tournament, which will incorporate a week of fishing. This tournament marks the 25th anniversary of a select group of anglers from all over the US, who meet each year at a fishing tournament—and this year they have chosen Million Dollar Month in the Cayman Islands. Although this group is not affiliated with the IGFA, several prominent members of the association, including their president, will be a part of the group.

A video of last year's event will be shown at Capt. Harry's booth at the Miami International Boat Show in February. Registration forms for the tournament will also be available at the booth during the show and continuously from the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism offices in Miami, Chicago, Houston, Dallas, New York, Los Angeles, Seattle, Canada or London, and also from Million Dollar Month, P.O. Box 878, West Wind Building, Grand Cayman, British West Indies, tel (809) 949-5587. Entry fees are $250 per angler and checks should be payable to the Cayman Islands Million Dollar Month.

BERKLEY ENTERS 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

During 1987, Berkley & Company will celebrate a landmark 50th anniversary. Berkley's story is of a creative individual thriving in the American enterprise system, and a group of inspired co-workers who are carrying on the team spirit in grandiose style.

Berkley and Company began in the home of Walt and Virginia Bedell in the small town of Spirit Lake, Iowa. Their son, a young fisherman named Berkley Bedell, at age 16, used $50 saved from a paper route, to begin tying and selling flies.

Business prospered and within a few years Berk began making hand soldered cable leaders. He developed a nylon-coated, waterproof leader and Berkley Steelon was born. Berkley's heart logo came from "the nylon leader with a heart of steel."

Recognizing that existing fishing lines were nto the best, Berkley began blending nylons, seeking a material that was more flexible than existing monos and that had better castability. After much effort, Trilene nylon alloy fishing line was born.

The success story continued as Berkley expanded into braided nylon, dacron, terminal tackle—and fishing rods.

Today, Berkley is known world-wide as the fishing tackle innovator and marketing leader. Berkley's philosophy stems from three founding principles. The first is to offer fishermen the best performing fishing tackle. The second is to provide service programs for tackle buyers. The third is to invest in the long term growth and viability of the fishing industry.

Today, Berkley has over 900 coworkers who carry out these standards. Berkley's has it main plant in Spirit Lake, Iowa. There is also a Canadian subsidiary, Berkley, Ltd., and a Taiwan subsidiary, Berkley International Company, Ltd.

Berkley's strong growth is depicted by their 50th anniversary slogan, "50 Years and Still Going Stronger."

As Berkley enters its second 50 years, they will continue their commitment to fishermen. Berkley will continue to manufacture only products that represent the very best in fishing performance. The company slogan, "Quality...Our Priority," will continue to be evident in every product they manufacture.

In fact, Berkley has a quality commitment: "It is the policy of Berkley to only market products that meet or exceed customer requirements and expectations in performance and reliability and which are discernably better than competitive offerings."

To represent their quality commitment and the extensive research expansions that have taken place at Berkley over the last few years, the heart logo has been discontinued and a new logo chosen. The new logo represents Berkley's commitment to extra strong, quality products.

Berkley has designed, for sale in 1987, a commemorative spinning and fly pack rod set that represents Berkley's quality standards. The set includes two 100 percent linear graphite rods, a three piece spinning and a six piece fly rod, containing the finest diamond polished guides and workmanship throughout. The lightweight actions are those favored by Berk who loves fly fishing and lightweight spinning. Each rod is numbered and the set is combined in a felt-lined, leatherette case.

The Berkley look for the next 50 years is not new. It will be one of quality and high technology that reflects Berkley's respect for fishermen—from a company that fishermen have learned to respect.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITANIC ACCIDENT

Adversity, the mother of invention—electronic depth sounders, which helped researchers from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution to locate the sunken luxury liner *Titanic*, came into being as an unexpected fall-out from the liner's collision with an iceberg 75 years ago on April 14-15, 1912.

Electronic depth sounders are in common use today by professional seamen, commercial and sport fishermen, and pleasure boatmen all over the world, but it took a major marine disaster to discover the technology.

More than 1500 persons lost their lives when the submerged foot of an unseen iceberg ripped the liner from stem to stern on her maiden voyage.

The International Ice Patrol was launched the following year and U.S. Coast Guard cutters began their annual patrols of the North Atlantic shipping lanes off Newfoundland. To dissolve the oversize ice cubes they tried explosives and even painted the ice islands in heat-absorbing colors, but the giant bergs were indestructi-

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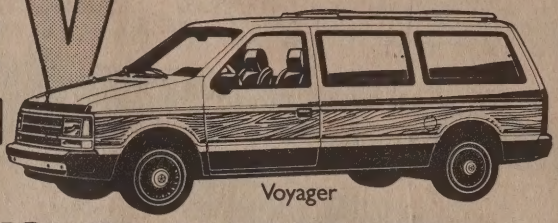

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ble. Turning to ways to improve detection, whistles were blown in hopes of hearing a warning echo and changes in water temperature were observed carefully.

The following year, Submarine Signal Company proposed an experiment with an underwater noisemaker called an oscillator. The scheme involved sending out an underwater "thunder clap" and then listening for the echo that bounced back when the sound wave hit an iceberg.

Profesor Reginald Fessenden, the oscillator's inventor, and two other scientists from the Boston firm sailed for the Grand Banks in the cutter *Miami* during the 1914 Ice Patrol. When they sighted their first berg the ship came close aboard, the oscillator was lowered 10 feet below the surface, and the noise pulses were begun.

Professor Fessenden used a stop watch to measure the time that it took for the signal to leave the ship and return. Earlier researchers had determined the speed of sound in water so the distance to the iceberg could be calculated from the elapsed time.

The echoes were strong at 200 yards. Although special hydrophones had been installed inside water tanks in the ship's bilges, the returning echoes were heard clearly throughout the ship without listening equipment.

The ship moved out to a half mile, a mile, and then a mile and a half. But a strong echo persisted at one mile even after they opened the range to two miles. The non-directional sound waves were bouncing off the mile-deep ocean floor as well as off the iceberg.

World War I brought an immediate priority for research into underwater sound detection of submarines and depth sounding research was postponed.

Following the war, a complete bottom detection system was built for the Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey ship *Lydonia*, which immediately went to work collecting soundings for chart making at an unprecedented rate.

In 1924, the first commercial model of an echo depth sounder went on sale. Trademarked a "Fathometer," the first one was installed in the M&M liner *SS Berkshire*. Newsmen and marine editors rode the ship from Baltimore to Cape Charles, Virginia and correctly predicted universal application for the electronic marvel. Within a decade practically every oceangoing vessel in the world had an echo sounder.

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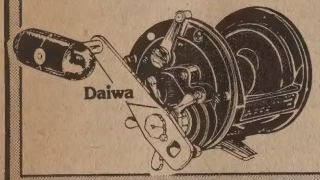

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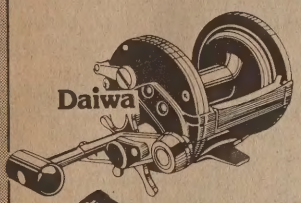

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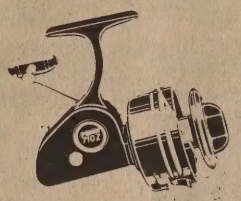

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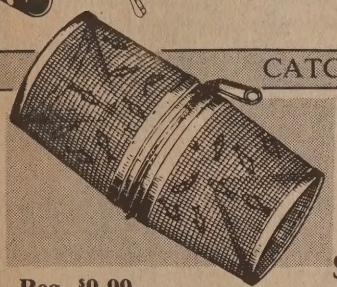

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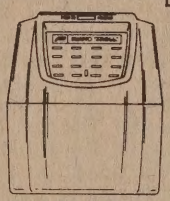

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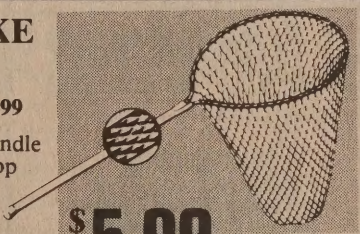

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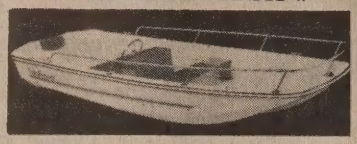

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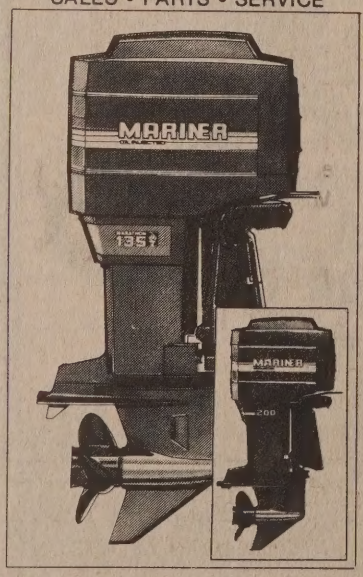

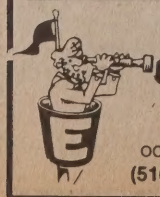

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circuits were so small that the navigation aids could be compressed in size. The largest part became the display dial or the recording chart. And with large scale production and a new mass market of pleasure boatmen and sport fishermen, the price came down to where practically every boatman could afford the safety and convenience of continous reports on the depth of water under his boat.

Professor Fessenden's oscillator never did become popular as an iceberg detector. The Coast Guard still maintains the "find and tell" patrols locating bergs and broadcasting their positions, but all over the world millions of boatmen and professional mariners enjoy the convenience and safety of electronic depth sounding.

HIGH GEAR RATIOS

With reel speeds, as in driving and in life, the same lesson holds true: the fast lane can wear you out.

Fishermen should look beyond glossy ad brochures before getting stuck with a reel not suitable for the job, according to Ed Mesunas of Penn Fishing Tackle. Penn makes over 100 reels for a wide range of freshwater and saltwater applications.

Mesunas said it is important to be aware that the faster a reel is, the harder it is to turn. To put it simply, while faster reels are preferable for working lures for faster game fish, a lower gear ratio is better for winching in deep-diving fighters.

To understand gear ratios more thoroughly, let's start with a few definitions. "Gear ratio" is a numerical expression; "4:1" for example. The second digit, 1, is always the same and represents one complete turn of the reel handle. The first digit, in this case, 4, refers to the number of revolutions of the spool (in conventional reels) or the rotor (in spinning reels).

Using our example of a 4:1 conventional reel, the spool would revolve four times for every complete revolution of the reel handle. With no other factors to consider, 5:1 would be considered a fast ratio, while 3:1 would be considered slower.

But the diameter of a spool throws one more element into our figuring. Two reels with the same gear ratio will not necessarily retrieve line at the same speed.

For example, on a small conventional reel, a 3:1 gear ratio is considered slow. Yet the same gear ratio on a large 6/0 or 9/0 reel would be very fast. When gear ratios are the same, the larger reel is faster simply because the larger spool gathers more line per revolution.

A "fast" reel with a 5:1 ratio is best suited for moving a lure through the water quickly to simulate fleeing baitfish. This is particularly important when fishing species such as wahoo, barracuda or bluefish. Among top quality, high speed reels offered by Penn, the Jigmaster 505HS and 506HS and the SS Spinfisher series are ideal.

Fishermen would be better served using a lower, more powerful gear ratio for putting pressure on such strong fish as tuna, grouper, shark or halibut. Penn's Senator series or Squidder series are best suited for longer fights.

According to Mesunas, higher gear ratios are even undesirable in deep water situations, such as wreck fishing for cod off the East Coast or rockcodding off the West Coast. With a lower gear ratio reel, even though you get less line back per crank of the handle, you can turn the handle faster and easier.

To compensate for greater tension from a high speed reel, Mesunas points out that "it's more important than ever to pump the rod, taking in line only on the down-stroke action. This eases the task of cranking in line under pressure."

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Mesunas sums it up this way: "A fisherman must temper the choice of gear ratios with an informal law of diminishing returns: as speed increases, power decreases; as speed decreases, power increases."

For more information about how Penn reels can solve varied fishing problems, contact Penn Fishing Tackle Mfg. Co., 3028 W. Hunting Park Ave., Dept. P, Philadelphia, PA 19121; or call (215) 229-9415.

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It's hard to find anything that's free, but in Rand McNally's new camping directory, *Camp For Under $10 A Day*, there are 200 free campgrounds listed, as well as a total of about 4,000 campgrounds that cost less than $10 a day.

In two regional volumes, one for the Eastern U.S. and Canada and one for the Western U.S. and Canada, the publication helps campers on a budget choose those inexpensive private and public campgrounds with facilities suited especially to their likes and needs.

The directory lists a wide variety of features and services available at campgrounds, including: a number of tent and trailer sites, physical environment, elevation and acres, time limit of stay, sanitary facilities, firewood, recreation—such as swimming, fishing and boating—as well as telephone number, address and nearest town and access route.

Camp For Under $10 A Day also notes the physical development of national forest campgrounds, ranging from very primitive (with little or no formal facilities) to ultramodern.

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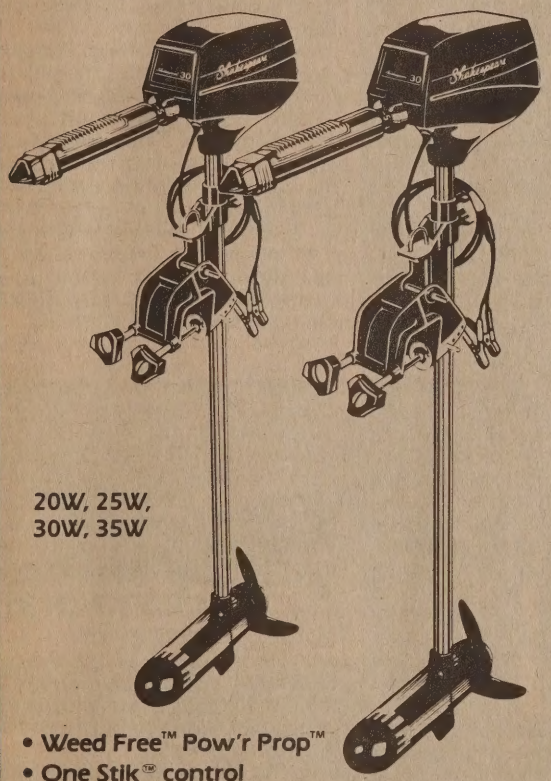

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NEW AQUASPORT OSPREY CENTER CONSOLE DESIGN

Aquasport's new 250 and 271 Ospreys are center console boats designed to roam the canyons and to land the game fish usually possible only with large sport fishing yachts. Available in the standard Osprey or the more heavily equipped Tournament Master versions, the two boats offer a number of innovative, highly useful features.

For example, the huge center console of the 271 incorporates a bait and tackle prep center with recirculating livewell in the forward portion. Both models also have a fuel management system that allows switching between fuel tanks. With this configuration, the boats can hold enough fuel (206 gallons on the 250; 250 gallons on the 271) for extended forays offshore or long range cruising and trolling.

Generous beam measurements combined with a deep vee hull, also provides for a soft, stable, dry ride. And both boats can accommodate hefty power: 300 hp for the 250 and twin V8s for the 271. Bennett hydraulic trim tabs are also standard on both boats.

Aquasport's Big Catch standard equipment package—the largest in the industry—outfits the boats with all the gear needed to start fishing immediately. That includes teak recessed rod racks, flush rod holders, storage lockers and three fish boxes with macerator pumps and overboard discharge for easy cleanup and to prevent clogged drains. A circulating livewell keeps bait fresh, while built-in, custom tackle drawers keep lures and other equipment organized and readily at hand.

Both the 250 and 271 also offer recessed teak gunwale boards, indirect cockpit lighting, navigation lights and an automatic bilge pump, as well as pressurized raw water washdown with a hose, nozzle and selector valve.

Operation from the center console is a pleasure, with full instrumentation (including trim indicators, voltmeter, fuel gauges and a Ritchie compass) plus hydraulic steering. There are also lighted console compartments for charts and other items as well as a molded-in locker for the most sophisticated in fish hunting electronics.

A rigging station on both models includes cutting board, 30 gal. freshwater supply and stainless steel sink.

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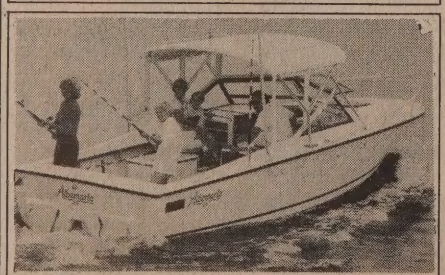
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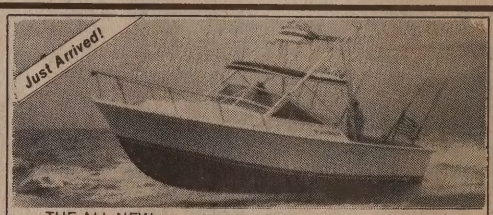
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Rounding out the package are Lee rod holders, tower mounted overhead rod rack for 6 rods, cockpit coming bolsters and a useful seawater temp gauge. Outriggers on the 250 are Lee Jr. models, while the 271 carries Lee's tower release 19' poles with single cross spreaders.

"When we set out to build these models," said Albertson, "we set out to bulld big, no compromise campaigners based on the center console design Aquasport pioneered. We've gotten tremendous response so far and expect demand for the 250 and 271 to be very heavy."

Aquasport, a leading innovator in fishing boats since the early 60s recently named a Panel of Experts composed of established fishing professionals to play an integral role in the design of all boats. The company manufactures models from 15 to 29 feet.

DYNAMITE LCD SOUNDER IN MICRO PACKAGE

Furuno's new LE4000 is a microprocessor controlled "paperless" recorder that's a perfect fishfinder for even the smallest boat. Although only about the size of a paperback novel, the LE4000 is capable of disoplaying amazing detail of the underwater world; game and bait fish, bottom structure, weeds, brush, even thermoclines.

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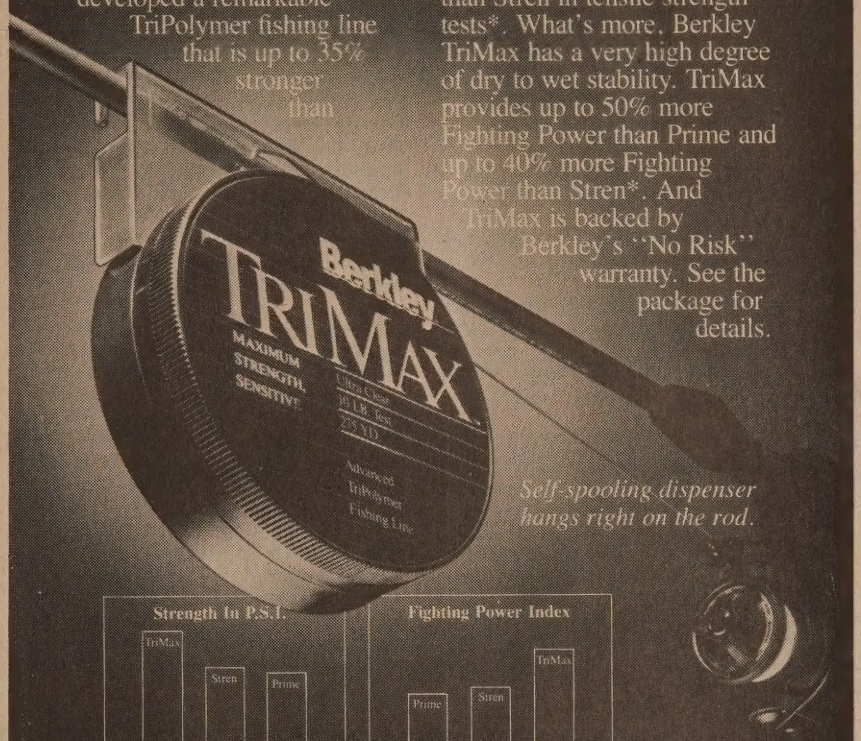

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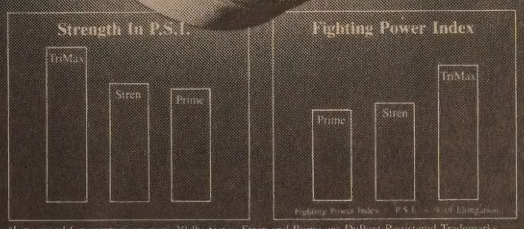

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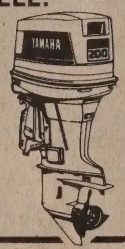

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1987 VIGIL PRODUCT LINE

To complete the 1987 expansion of the popular and successful Vigil product line, Mars Electronics announced the addition of the new Vigil Navtex, Vigil Compass and Vigil Remote Alarm at the New York National Boat Show in January.

These new products round out the ambitious product expansion that establishes Mars Electronics' Vigil brand as a complete source for electronic navigation equipment.

Designed to function as a standalone weather reporter and safety alert, the Vigil Navtex provides a high resolution LCD display of current area weather conditions in both graphic and digital formats. The instrument features automatic storage of critical safety messages, with the capacity to store up to 50 consecutive messages. The Vigil Navtex has a built-in interface port to connect to an optional printer for hard copies of the screen and message data.

The new Vigil Compass with remote LCD display functions as a standalone electronic fluxgate compass, or as an integral component of the Vigil RX System. The Compass and Vigil Supervisor form the heart of the total electronic navigation RX System that displays Compass, Loran or Satnav information on the Vigil RX and RXC Radar screens.

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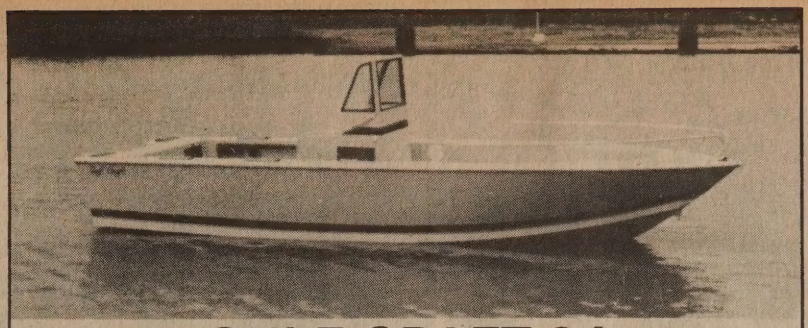

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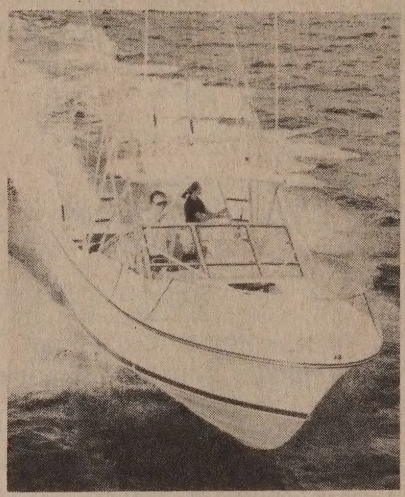

North Coast is a comparatively new name to the industry, but it is skippered by veteran boatbuilder Kim Bradley, formerly of SeaCraft and Black Fin association. He drafted the services of one of America's most respected marine architects, C.J. "Charlie" Jannace to help him design and engineer his vision of what the "ultimate" over-wide small boat could be.

The most striking feature of this boat from the moment you lay your eyes on it is the hull design. This is a deep-Vee with no compromises. The entry angle forward is a razor-like 54 degrees, while the transom deadrise is a dramatic 23.5 degrees. There is a lot of freeboard on this bruiser, specifically 32 inches at the transom and 50 inches foward. This is one big mama for a "small boat" and it looks much larger than its specifications. Certainly, the wide-body 9' 2" beam has a hand in making this craft more spacious, with the bonus that the extra weight below the waterline, coupled to the hefty deep-vee hull, also adds to the vessel's performance.

However, as many of you readers know, just having a heavy hull is no guarantee of its integrity or strength: it's what you do with that weight that counts. Well, I went right to the source for this one and gave President Kim Bradley a call to find out what kind of stuff the North Coast was really made from and he was right up front with me. This 23 uses slightly lighter materials to achieve its laminate schedule, but uses more of them to incorporate a greater number of layers in the build-up. For example, one ounce mat is employed as the bulk-building filler in place of the more traditional 1.5 oz. material and 18 oz. woven roving is used as the real structural reinforcement, in lieu of the normal industry standard of 24 oz. roving. The result is a boat that is a full 10 layers of 100 percent hand laid fiberglass thick in its hull (6x 1 0z. mat/4x 18 oz. woven roving) and 8 layers thick in the sides (5x mat/3x woven roving).

Now that we know the basic hull grades out well, what about the layout? Well, the team of Bradley and Jannace didn't cut corners there, either. There's a bunch of room in this outboard skiff and I'd venture to say that it has more usuable cockpit space than many 8 footers I've been on! The distance from the cabin bulkhead to the transom well measures a full 10 feet and multiplied by an interior beam of 99 inches, there's over 80 square feet of quality cockpit space in this beauty. The North Coast provides a respectable 27 inches of cockpit freeboard aft, for a safe buffer when trying to gaff a frisky shark or tuna in lumpy seas. The three piece construction also gives the fisherman more usable cockpit space under the coamings, plus makes rigging and thru-bolting hardware a lot easier, in addition to providing a stronger, tighter boat. Finally, the self-bailing deck is peaked at the centerline to facilitate channeling water quickly to the recessed side drains and out scuppers.

There are four hatches built into the cockpit sole: two to port and two to starboard. The forward pair allow entry to below deck storage areas, in particular a large built-in shelf for batteries and oil injector bottles that's completely out of the way, yet easily accessible. The aft pair of hatches cover a brace of oval fishboxes/live wells that are raw water fed, draining through the hull bottom, and measure 39" x 20" x 10".

Moving forward, a large stainless steel wheel is connected to a Hynautic hydraulic steering system. There is adequate space under a plexi-covered dash control panel to house a pair of tachs and 5 to 6 smaller 2" gauges for twin engine installations, so if you're opting for dual powerplants, choose your gauges carefully, or be forced to mount them away from the clutter.

Although you'll find a dedicated electronics shelf just inside the companionway door on the port side that's pre-wired for easy installations, there's not a whole bunch of space at the helm where you can keep a Loran or VHF in plain view but out of the weather. Kim Bradley also addressed this issue by stating that the deck mold is being modified to include two fiberglass electronics storage boxes, one above the helm for a Loran C unit, and one below for a VHF radio. The aluminum-framed windscreen is heavy duty and is vented to provide some breeze for those hot summer days, and although this boat is not designed to be a walkaround, there is an 8" non-skid area on each side of the windshield to get forward if it's necessary. Tasteful teakwork and trim is obvious everywhere in the cockpit and there's even a curved radius at each corner of the transom!

The cabin is done nicely with designer-quality materials and features a vinyl headliner and cushions that are a full four inches thick. There's 52" headroom which should allow you to sit down inside and not bump your head and the twin bunks measure approximately 7 feet in length by 7 feet in width. A standard Porta-Potti will fit under the bunk cushions, and there are three small storage areas located underneath that are ideal for life vests and other safety gear. The cabin also features one small storage locker to port, under the aforementioned electronics cabinet and there's a hanging locker to starboard that measures 38"H x 10"W x 24" D. A Boman nibo hatch completes the interior's accouterments.

All cleats, chocks, the bowrail and other deck hardware are #316 marine grade stainless steel for maximum durability. There are a pair of high capacity Rule bilge pumps with auto float switches as a standard feature, as well as a pair of Pompanette seats for the helm and passenger. The 197 gal. fuel cell should give you canyon range with the North Coast, if that is your fancy.

If you're in the market for a full cuddy cabin craft in the 24 to 26 foot class, this is one boat you should definitely check out. But don't wait too long though, since Kim Bradley says that they're only planning to build about 100 boats for each model year. As a final note, a twin engine inboard power format should be available in a few weeks, along with a full-transom Gil-bracket outboard version for the fall.

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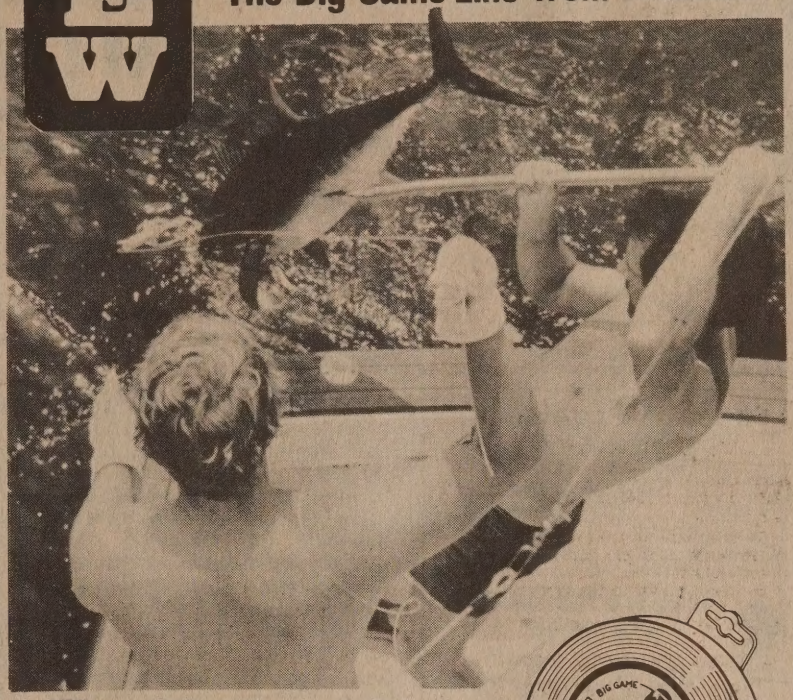

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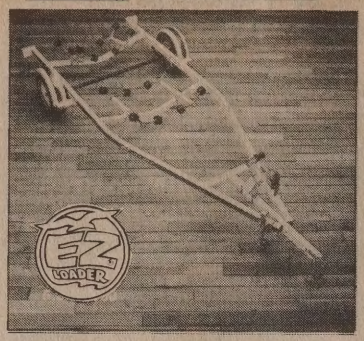

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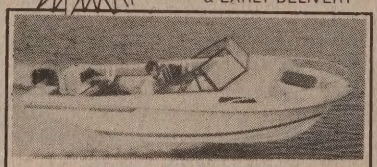

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Product Review

MARINE METAL BAIT SAVER

by Jim White

At one time or another, most everyone who fishes will use live bait. It's effective at times and can be deadly. Sometimes it's the only method of taking large fish.

This review will cover some of the aeration systems available from Marine Metal Products.

They make some for freshwater and for saltwater use, and for shorebound fishermen to offshore fishermen. Marine Metal Products offers six different livewell tanks, with or without aerators, from 5 to 20 gallon capacity, called Bait Savers. Also available are insulated tops and jackets to help protect the bait from drastic temperature changes. Here's what's available:

Bait Saver: Keeps fish lively for salt and fresh water. A quiet, powerful 12 volt DC aerator that aerates up to 30 gallons. Motor draws 4/10 amp; can operate on 110 volt current with 12 volt battery charger. Polarity and fuse protected with a one amp replaceable fuse. Made of brass, stainless steel and polypropylene; 6 foot cord, filter and solid copper battery clips. All American made parts available, new neoprene moisture seals give added protection to the motor.

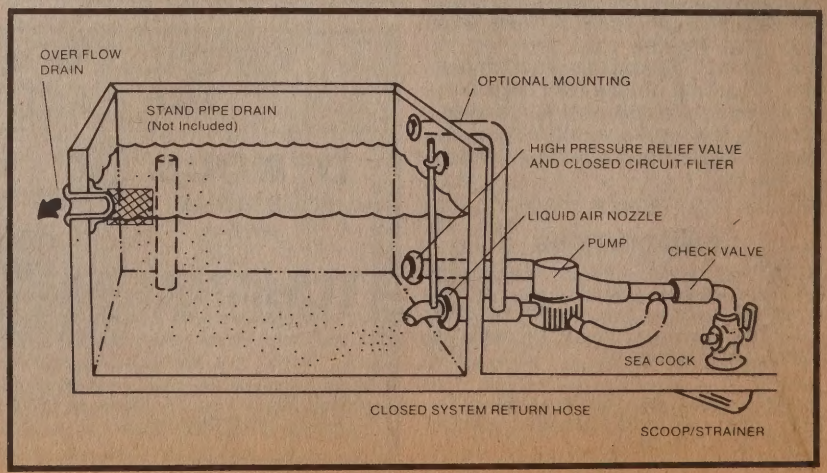
Super Saver: A 12 volt bilge pump and aerator kit that fills, aerates and empties a livewell besides keeping fish lively. Two spray heads fit both round or rectangular livewells, mounts with suction cups. Pumps water in, out and aerates at 450 GPH. Draws only 1¾ amps. Flexible aerator head and pump mount allow livewell to be emptied and refilled from freshwater supply. Can be used as an emergency bilge pump. Kit comes complete with bilge pump, 10 foot cord, battery clips, two PVC aerator pipes and mounting brackets, 5 foot flexible tubing, filter bag, stainless steel mounting screws. Aerates 20 to 25 gallons and is Marine UL listed.

Fish Saver: A 12 volt livewell aerating system. Low current draw of only 1.25 amps at 300 GPH. Comes complete, ready to use on any non-porous surface. Attaches with suction cups. An adjustable 12½ inch spray tube may be cut to fit smaller containers. With filter assembly and aerates 10 to 15 gallons.

Fish Saver II: A deluxe 12 volt aerating system with same features as Fish Saver only 50 percent bigger volume pump at 450 GPH. Pump mounts on the side of any livewell with suction cups and is perfect for aerating deep round containers. Pump is away from bottom debris so filter stays cleaner.

Includes an extra long 10 foot cord with copper battery clips. Adjustable 12½ inch spray tube may be cut to any length. Aerates 10 to 25 gallons. Small and compact, pump can operate out of the water as long as intake is submerged. This helps keep the livewell cool.

Airhead: Heavy duty 12 volt liquid air pump mixes air with water and produces a current of multitudinous bubbles; fish stay livelier longer. Mounts with suction cups on bottom or side on any non-porous container. Does not damage scales of delicate fish as harsh spray systems tend to do. Livewell stays much cleaner. Perfect for



deep, round containers, unit is small and compact. For fresh or saltwater. Low current draw, adjustable and quiet. With a 6-month guarantee. Kit includes: pump, air nozzle and tubing, suction cups for mounting, filter, copper battery clips. Three models—300, 450 and 800 GPH, from 5 to 40 gallons.

Gulfstream: A thru-hull livewell aerating system of 12 volt, 1.5 amps. This is the last word in automatic aeration systems! Keeps fish lively in natural environment by continuously pumping in fresh oxygen, balanced water through livewell while boat is moving or standing still. The pump is designed to mount through transom or on back of the transom. A unique aerator valve also allows attachment of a hose for washdown and clean-up of boat and fish. High pressure relief holes protect pump seals. Pumps 450 GPH. Kit includes: thru-hull pump, transom mounting bracket, flow control valve, extra pipe and all fittings, aerating and washdown head assembly, hose, clamps, straps, screws, instructions, thru-hull drain fitting.

Gulfstream II: Thru-hull livewell aerating system of 12 volt drawing 1.5 amps. Continuously pumps in fresh oxygen-balanced water through livewell while boat is moving or standing still.

The pump is specifically designed to mount through the hull with high speed scoop strainer and seacock valve. High presure bypass protects pump seals when boat is running fast. Unique aerator valve also allows attachment of hose for washdown and clean-up of boat and fish. Closed circuit return with filter allows livewell to operate when boat is out of water. Pumps 450 GPH and aerates 20 to 25 gallons.

Oxygen Thru-Hull Aerating System: Thru-the-hull kit that continuously pumps 450 GPH of fresh oxygen-rich water through livewell while boat is trolling, running or standing still. Mixes air with water to produce current of bubbles. Closed circuit allows livewell to operate when boat is out of the water. Does not damage scales of delicate fish as harsh spray systems tend to do. High pressure relief valve protects pump seals when running fast. Uses 12 volts, with low current draw of 1.75 amps. Great for all fresh and saltwater bait fish, or catch and release of game fish, like bass. Kit includes: bronze scoop strainer, bronze and stainless seacock valve, 450 GPH pump, connecting hoses, 8 stainless hose clamps, all fittings, 3 thru-hulls for intake and overflow, high pressure relief valve, closed circuit and overflow filters, liquid air nozzle and tube plus two check valves.

So there you have it; a look at some of the most advanced pumps on the market today.

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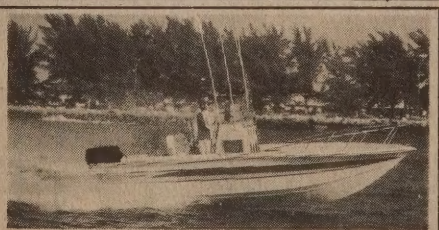

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

In this week's Tackle Doctor we have two more interesting and diverse questions. The first, from Dr. Gus Thornton concerns the Albright knot. Knots should always be of prime importance to fishermen because it can often be the determining factor as to whether you'll be taking that big one home. The second question by Tom Bleckmore, is one that was asked often during the winter boat shows: Aren't weakfish and sea trout the same fish?

Keep the letters coming folks and we'll do our best to get the answers back to you. Address any inquiries about tackle or fish to the Tackle Doctor, c/o The Fisherman Magazine, 1622 Beaver Dam Road, Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742. Thanks, and good fishing!

Dear Doc,

You mentioned the Albright knot to tie wire line to backing or leader. I have been unable to find a description of how to tie this knot. Can you help?

Dr. Gus W. Thornton.

Dear Gus,

The Albright knot, or Albright Special is also known as the Key Knot Splice and Key Loop. The main function of this knot is to allow an angler to tie heavier monofilament line to much lighter line without compromising on knot strength. The Albright knot is also used to tie light line to wire line, nylon coated wire line and even to single strand wire leaders of small diameters.

The first thing to do is to double back 4 to 6 inches of the heavier line. Next take the lighter line and bring it between the loop that is formed by the heavier line which you should be holding with your left hand between the pointer finger and thumb. Now bring the lighter line back and wrap it 12 to 15 times around the heavy line loop and insert the line end back through the loop once more at the original point of entry.

Now, before letting go with your thumb and pointer finger grip, gently pull on the standing part of the line to remove slack; next pull on the short end of the leader to close the loop up. Then pull on the short end of the line to remove any remaining slack. In the last stage of tightening you pull the short end of the line as tight as you can, and then pull the standing end tight also. Clip off any excess line.

Ilustrations always seem to be better than just words, so below is a clear diagram that will help.

Dear Doc,

Recently I moved back to the East Coast after being in Texas for the last 17 years. The fishing here is still great, but the methods have changed. A few questions that I have: are weakfish (NJ) and speckled trout (Corpus Christi) the same fish? Why the color difference and why do they grow so much bigger up here?

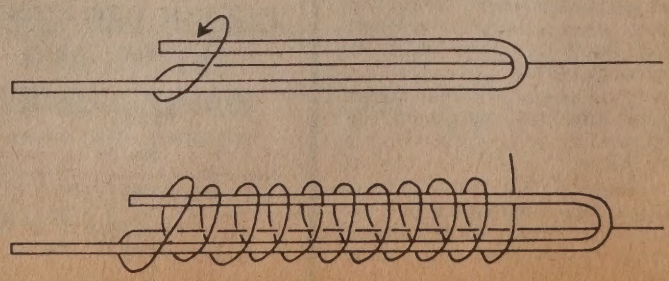
Concerning gear: When I went into a tackle shop looking for a conventional surf casting stick, it was almost impossible to find one; everything was geared to spinning! The shop owner said he wasn't even given many choices in rods, let alone conventional ones. I can't believe this because in Corpus Christi, conventional rods are the norm, not spinning. Why is this?

Tom Bleckmore.

Dear Tom,

Weakfish and speckled trout are closely related, but they are not the same fish. These close cousins are members of the croaker family, known scientifically as ***Sciaenidae.*** *The scientific name for the weakfish itself is* ***Cynoscion regalis****; the speckled or spotted sea trout's specific*

ALBRIGHT SPECIAL KNOT



scientific name is ***Cynoscion nebulosa.***

The weakfish or Northern weakfish is found from New England waters to Florida, but are more abundant from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina on up to the northern waters off Rhode Island. Weakfish "change" names as you go up and down the Northeastern coast. In New England they are called by the Indian name squeteague and from Montauk to Barnegat Inlet mostly known as weakfish; south of Barnegat Inlet to Cape Hatteras most often called sea trout, trout, or gray trout. It can get confusing!

The speckled sea trout or sea trout is more common from Chesapeake to the Florida Keys and the Gulf of Mexico, but it's not uncommon to catch them in the Delaware Bay, too. The main physical difference between these two closely related fish are the spots. The weakfish's spots blend together and are numerous; the speckled sea trout's spots are spaced and distinct. Northern weakfish are bigger fish generally and reach bigger sizes than their cousin the speckled sea trout. It's like comparing largemouth bass to smallmouth bass: largemouths usually grow bigger and faster than their feisty cousins, although both can get pretty big if given the chance.

Now, the second part of your letter concerned the use of spinning over conventional tackle for this region of the country. The reason for the widespread use of conventional rods and reels down in Texas is due in part to environmental factors, and in part to different fishing techniques. Texas fishermen often prefer using live baits such as shrimp combined with a cork floater a few feet up the line to catch speckled trout. The rods are conventional 7 to 8 foot popping rods which have a flexible tip to allow a good cast. The waters down in the Gulf of Mexico allow this kind of fishing as, more often than not, they are relatively calm with 1 to 2 foot surf. The waters of the Northeast are quite a bit different. There are stronger tide actions and currents that require stouter poles both conventional and spinning. Surf can be 4 to 5 feet. Also, fishermen in this region are more inclined to use lures and need a rod that will cast it into the surf a decent distance which a spinning rod and reel does provide. It's hard to believe that you can't find any conventional tackle in the shops you've been to; however, you will be able to find it if you check a few more places. Most of the tackle shops along the shore will stock plenty of conventional gear.

Check what kind of fishing you are inclined to be doing now that you've moved back up here, then decide if you need a stouter rod or possibly a spinning outfit. It's all a matter of what you feel will help you catch fish. Some guys do use conventional gear to catch the northern weakfish and I'm sure they would not use if it they weren't catching fish.

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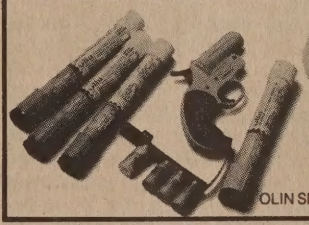

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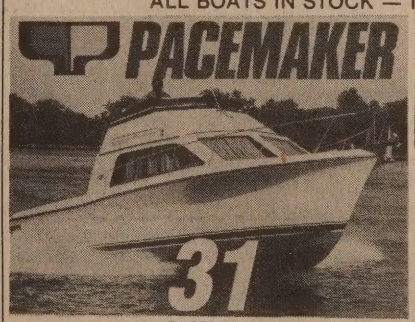

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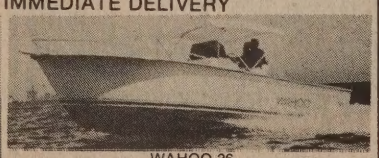

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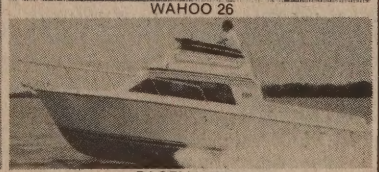

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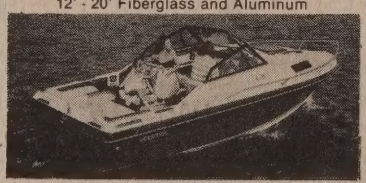

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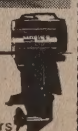

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

Help a first time boat owner in the selection of a reliable outboard motor up to 50 hp. Engineering excellence and available service are also two features I'm looking for. I understand basic experience is probably most useful in this selection but a beginner at age 60 plus doesn't have the time for trial and error judgment. Please offer some alternative selections as my mind is not set on any product or model. Also, what length boat would be best suited for the weekend fisherman who may travel the fresh and salt water routes as time and travel may dictate. Please help. *Gage Russell.*

Dear Gage,

The major outboard motor manufacturers all produce good, reliable units in the size you seek. There should be a dealer for at least one of these motors convenient to you and there are probably several such dealers within a reasonable distance from your home. I suggest you spend a few hours shopping for a motor around the local dealers. After you have gathered all the brochures, prices and other pertinent information go home and compare each one until you decide which is the best buy.

Be certain you are making a fair comparison. A 50 hp motor complete with controls, fuel tanks and installation on your boat will cost a good deal more than a 50 hp model without controls or one that you must install yourself. If one guy's deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If your saltwater fishing is restricted to inland bays, a 16 to 18 foot boat should serve your purpose. I would look for a modified V hull that will give you a decent ride in a chop and still have reasonable stabilty at rest. Look for a boat that provides protection from the elements. The ability to raise some canvas between you and the spray or rain can make a day's fishing considerably more comfortable.

A galvanized trailer complete with an electric power winch will make towing, launching and recovering your boat much easier. Be sure the axles and the wheels on the trailer are also galvanized to prevent rusting out in saltwater.

As far as the interior design of your boat, you should look for something with permanent, comfortable seats, a live bait well, electronics storage and rod racks. Tackle lockers, Porta-Potti, built-in fish boxes and some other options are nice to have but may not be available on a boat of this size.

Finally, if you can locate what you want at one dealer you may do better on the price and on the service than if you buy the boat one place, the motor another, and the trailer from a third dealer.

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Dear Eric,

In a past issue you answered a letter from someone who did not believe in refueling a boat while under way to the offshore fishing grounds. The answer you gave was a good one, stating that you had refueled while going into the wind at a slow speed and after emptying your containers into your fuel tank you hung them over the bow of your boat.

I believe I have a better method, that is carrying a spare (portable) tank (mine is approximately 25 gals.) and running that tank first. Then go to your main fuel supply. This eliminates any spill at all. *Bob Imsho.*

Dear Bob,

You are absolutely correct. A spare tank is an excellent method for enlarging the fuel capacity of your boat but is only practical when your craft is powered by an outboard-motor. If you have an inboard or an I/O, connecting a portable tank may not be practical.

Outboard motors have rubber fuel lines that can easily be switched from a permanent tank to a portable one. Inboards have metal, usually copper, fuel lines running from the tank to the fuel pump or filter.

I suppose you could rig a permanent fuel line from a two way valve and run this to an outboard style connection above deck. If you ran a rubber hose with a matching connector from the portable tank to the permanent line you might be in business. This entire project would hinge on the construction of your boat, placement of the motor and routing of the fuel lines. I would seek advice from the boat's manufacturer and a reputable yard before I made such modifications.

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Dear Eric,

I'm writing to you in regards to a proper prop for my 27 foot Revel-craft, cabin cruiser, Model RCM 100240173, with Ford engine, horsepower 225.

This boat has a cabin, plus flying bridge with an inboard Ford engine. It is used for cruising and fishing. From the water line to the rudder is three

feet. This is a vee bottom boat, midship from water line to keel is about 30 inches.

Would like to know what size of prop would be correct for this boat. Looking forward to your reply.

Everett W. TAylor.

Dear Everett,

Choosing the proper prop for a boat requires a good deal more information than you have given us and a good deal more knowledge about the subject than I can give you. To help us both out of this problem I contacted Don Jackson at Michigan Wheel Corporation, 1501 Buchanan Avenue, SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507.

Mr. Jackson is sending you an Inboard Analysis Data form to complete and return to his office. The propeller experts at Michigan Wheel Corp. will use this information to recommend the best propeller size and pitch for your particular boating situation. This is a free service available to any boater. Just be sure to tell them if you have an inboard, outboard or I/O so the folks at Michigan Wheel Corp. can send you the correct form.

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Dear Eric,

I own an 18 foot boat and fish mainly in bays, rarely going into the ocean. I am interested in purchasing a hand held VHF. I like the idea that they are portable, but wonder about their range, interference and reliability. Any information would be greatly appreciated. *Stephen Zushma.*

Dear Stephen,

There is no doubt that a hand held VHF would serve your purpose. My question is why not install a regular VHF radio? Not only will you get more power but you will also save quite a bit of money.

Hand held VHF units with 5 watts of power retail for more than $350. You can purchase 3 and 4 watt hand held units for $200 to $300, but a reliable 5 watt standard VHF radio can cost as little as $230, including the antenna.

Do not feel that a permanently mounted VHF radio is not easily removed. You simply detach the unit from the mounting brackets, remove the power cord and the antenna lead, then carry the radio off the boat. I do this each and every time I go out. With a little practice the entire operation takes less than one minute.

I have used hand held VHF units when I was in a situation where it was impossible to install a permanent radio and they performed quite well. You must keep the battery charged to maintain full power.

If you don't have the facilities on your boat to install a permanent radio or if you have use for a hand held VHF other than while you are on the water, you may be better off with the smaller radio. Otherwise, I would give serious consideration to a regular VHF radio and antenna mounted on your boat.

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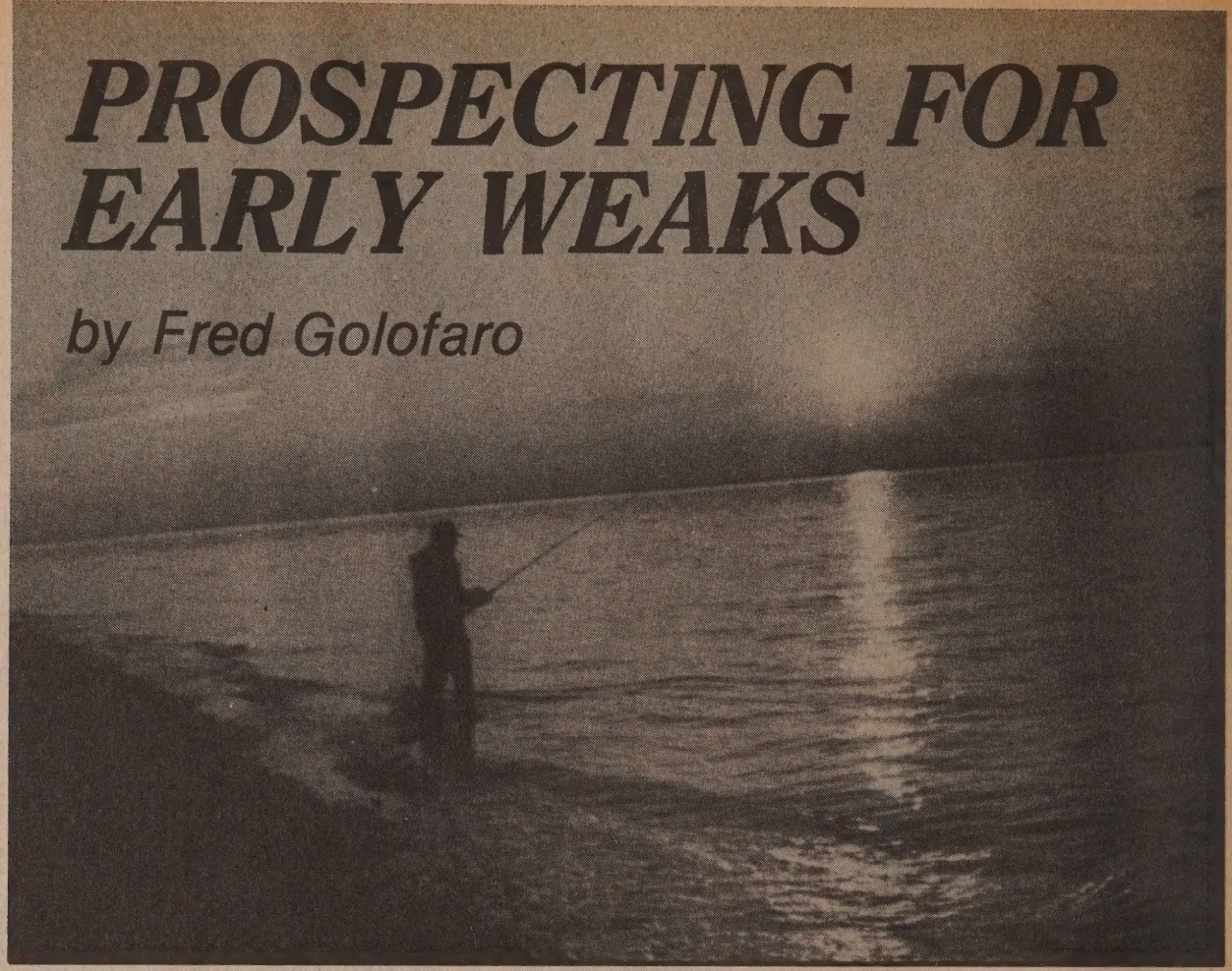

Surfmen looking to tangle with tiderunner weaks should pay strict attention to current patterns.

The late hour, along with the mesmerizingly slow retrieve, had dulled my senses as I tried to concentrate on creeping the yellow Hellcat along at a snail's pace. Midnight had come and gone without much fanfare, but a dropping tide, barely past the midway point, held enough promise to keep me from abandoning my quest. There had been a brief flurry of action at sunset, with some school bass, small blues and a couple of weaks taken among a handful of long since departed casters. With an adequate amount of bait working the area, there was every reason to be optimistic as the tide continued to drop.

Despite my positive state of mind, the cobwebs had begun to settle in as the effects of being on the go for more than twenty hours began to take its toll. I remember feeling as if the whole world had exploded before my eyes when the big weak assaulted the fragile swimmer not more than ten feet from my rod tip. The eruption seemed to be magnified by ten against the quiet solitude of this north shore beach and it took a second or two to regain my composure before I was able to beach the ten pounder.

Two more yellowfins found the plug to their liking, while another inhaled the pink feather Droppa attached ahead of the swimmer, before the tide had bottomed out.

The scene was pretty typical of numerous weakfish encounters along the Island's beaches over the past several years and the key to the fishing was "being in the right place at the right time." Now this phrase has certainly been worn out in describing fishing success over the years but it has taken on new meaning for surf fishermen hoping to connect with spring and early summer run weaks.

Not too many years ago, it was possible to cover many more areas and expect a reasonable chance at scoring with the yellowfins. On the other hand, it was also possible for many surfmen to stay right in their own backyard and find all of the action they wanted. Well folks, those days are over, for the time being anyway. In these times of diminished weakfish stocks, the number of locations frequented by the yellowfins have diminished as well and being "in the right place" has become as critical as ever.

A pattern has developed during each of the last several seasons in which the weaks settle into just a couple of areas and produce steady fishing for an extended period of time. Once these "patterns" become evident, either through the grapevine, fishing reports or your own experiences, be prepared to concentrate your efforts in these areas. Each of the past few years has seen the number of these "weakfish spots" diminish so it's likely that the number of these spots will be counted on one hand in 1987.

As an example, the vast majority of surfmen found weaks non-existent last season. For many, the weaks might just as well have passed into extinction. Most Montauk regulars went the entire season without even seeking a weak. In fact, I recall only one big hit of weaks at Montauk all last season and that was a one night stand by a lone caster whose catch numbered in the teens.

There was no need to explain a paucity of weakfish to those surfmen working the Crane's Neck/Stony Brook area last May and June. These casters enjoyed steady action through the spring and early summer to the frustration of surf fishermen lacking

the proper access. Caumsett State Park produced a few good innings for diligent casters but was nowhere near as productive as the Stony Brook beaches. On the south shore, a small group of casters enjoyed a steady pick of tiderunners on the "backside" of Democrat Point in Fire Island Inlet.

Where the weaks settle down this season is anybody's guess, but once a pattern becomes evident, be prepared to haunt the area. Some likely areas to stay tuned to include the backsides of Fire Island and Jones Inlet as well as Breezy Point, the Peconic Bay shore between Cow Neck and Long Beach, and most of the major points on the north shore, including Cranes, Eatons, Lloyds and Matinecock. And don't overlook Sunken Meadow State Park and the entire Smithtown Bay shore.

Once you're in the ballpark, you must tune in to another set of patterns. What tide stage are the yellowfins feeding on or is it a dawn and dusk affair and damn the tide? Ask questions and make the most of your time on the beach. Being an astute observer can often translate into putting more fish on the beach.

When prospecting for weaks on north shore beaches or on the backsides of the south shore inlets, I like to carry a 7½ foot stick fitted with a reel similar in size to the Penn 710Z. Since most of my fishing takes place at night when small lightweight swimming plugs are most effective, I opt for eight pound test. If it's a rocky stretch of beach or if there are some husky stripers sharing the area, I'll push it to ten pound test. If I have to go any heavier, I move up to a 9 footer and 12 pound test. Penn's 250 GR is a perfect match for this outfit.

Much of this fishing will occur after dark and swimming plugs frequently outproduce other lures, but there are always exceptions. On the north shore, a 5½ inch yellow or silver Hellcast consistently comes through for me. Other favorites include small needlefish, 4 inch Bombers, jointed Rebels and Redfins, Whiptails and Eelworms in the 1/2 to 3/4 ounce size range and small white bucktails in the 5/16 ounce sizes.

For the south shore, the same basic assortment of lures will take fish but you'll want to include the 6 inch version of the Bomber, some 5½ inch sinking Rebels, a couple of loaded or sinking Redfins and an assortment of bucktails up to one ounce in weight. Small tin and tube combos should cover the occasional daylight situation and a few jellyworms to dress up your bucktails round out the basic selection. Either Red Gill or feather droppers are a must for both shores.

Any way you cut it, prospecting for weaks in the surf is a time consuming game. Yet, considerable rewards still await casters willing to put in the time. Getting the most value out of that time will depend on how much attention you pay to the "patterns" that are sure to develop with each new season.

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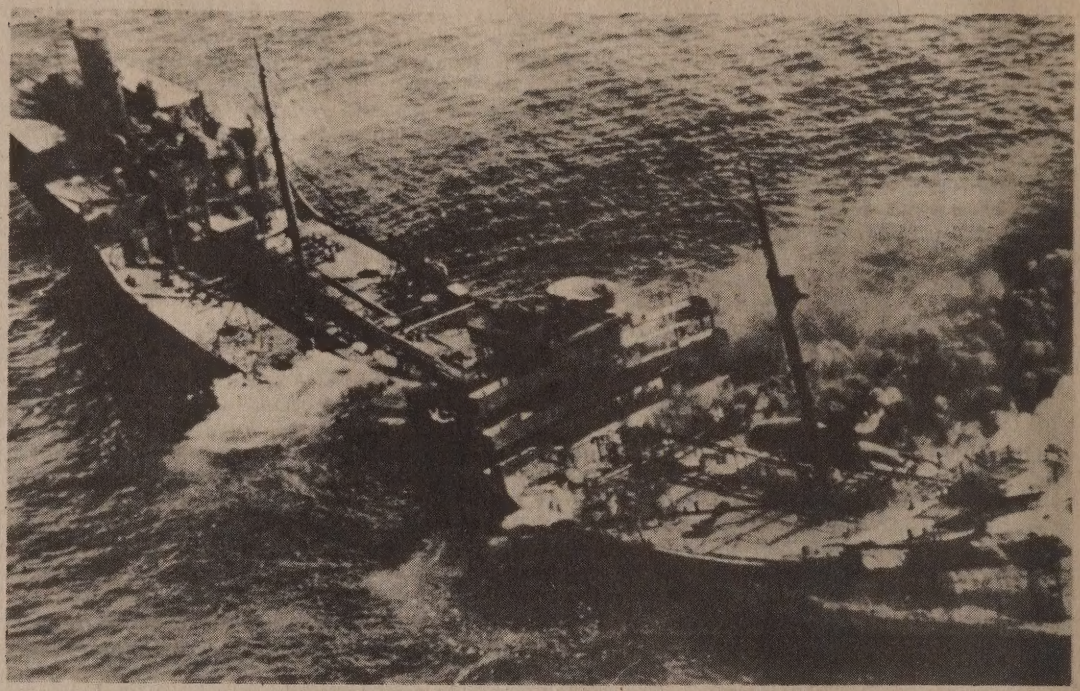

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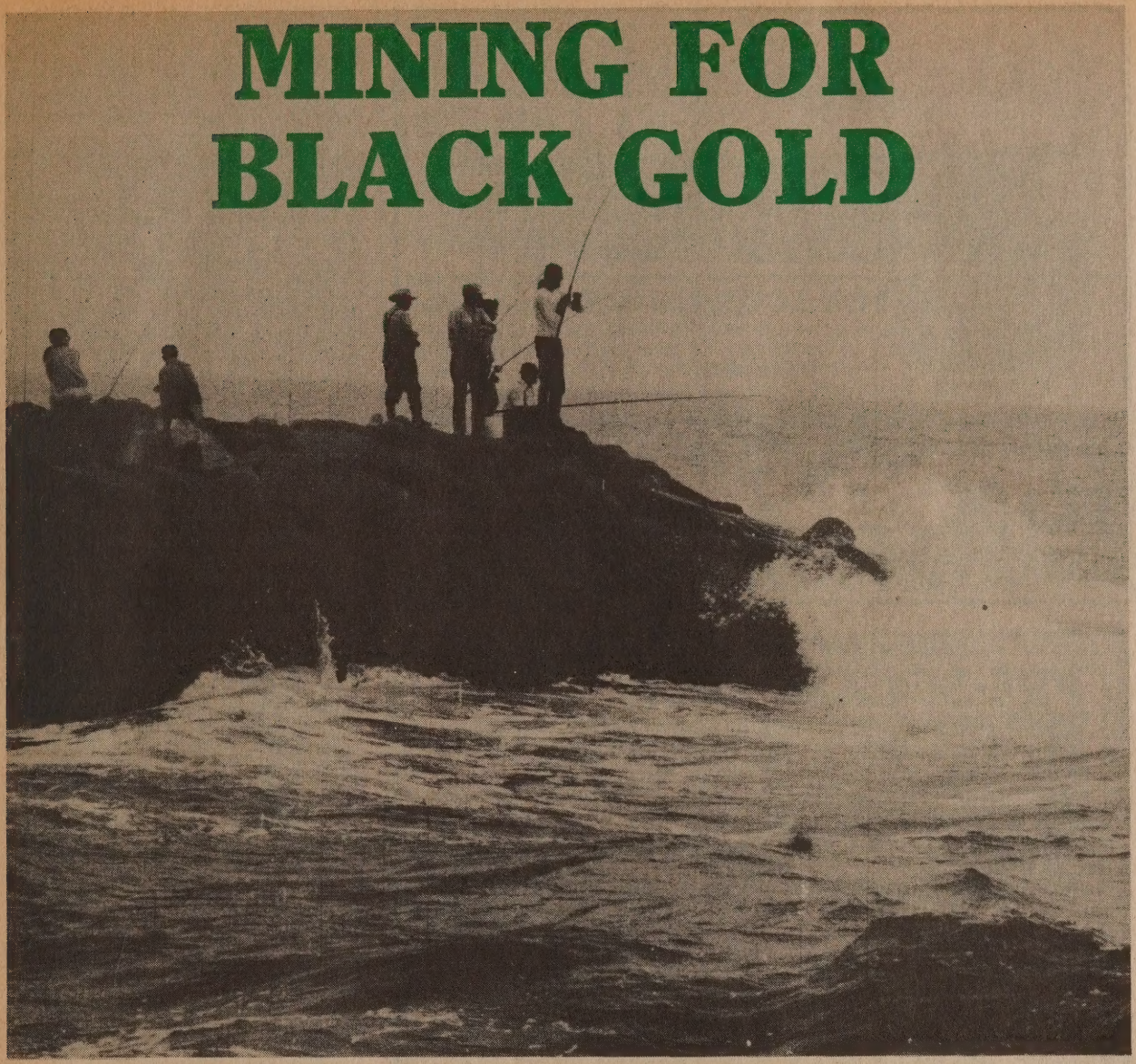

Most fishermen regard the ocean beaches as places to land predatory fish, such as blues, bass or weaks. One often hears about bars and sloughs and swirling sand bottom where baitfish are herded by these species. Yet, in places, the ocean beaches have a considerable amount of structure below: jagged boulders covered with various seaweeds and assorted barnacles and mussels. The rocks and vegetation attract other creatures as well, from microorganisms to baitfish and crabs. These rocky formations occur in the extreme eastern sector of the South Shore, as well as at the major inlets where jetties are formed. Unlike the open beaches, these places are suitable for some excellent bottom fishing.

Of all kinds of bottom fishing, at the inlets especially, none is more exiting than blackfishing. In the spring, when the water temperature is around 55 to 65 degrees, blackfish move from their deep water haunts to such inlets as Shinnecock, Moriches, Fire Island, Jones and Rockaway. Most of the fish are small—a 5 pounder is considered a bulldog here—but at times they are highly abundant. I once caught 15 of these fish during a morning's tide at an inlet.

Fishing an inlet for blackfish, or tautog, as they are called in New England, is both a frustrating and challenging endeavor. It is easier to fling a plug 150 feet for bluefish in the open surf than to place a bottom rig accurately for a blackfish that is only a few feet away. Before you locate a good spot at many inlets, you will undoubtedly lose a number of rigs.

For this reason, most blackfish anglers use stout tackle. An 8 foot jetty stick with a strong tip and butt section and a medium sized surf spinning reel spooled with 20 pound test is standard. It may seem odd to use 20 pound test for a 2 pound tautog, but the environment dictates it, especially when the surf is crashing all around the clutter below.

At some jetties, such as Shinnecock's west side and Moriches' east side, the current is so strong that at times even a 5 ounce sinker barely holds bottom. And when rigs are likely to be lost, they should be as simple as possible. A typical inlet rig for blackfishing consists of a #6 Virginia hook, also known as a blackfish hook, snelled to a 12 inch leader of 40 pound test and a 3 to 5 ounce bank sinker. The heavy leader is necessary because of the abrasion that is created in the rocky bottom. To facilitate tying on new rigs, experienced anglers prepare them in advance with a short leader of 20 to 30 pound test and a barrel swivel. A 6 inch leader is tied to the swivel at one end with an improved clinch knot, while the other end receives an end loop for the sinker. The snelled hook is then inserted through the lower eyelet of the swivel. This places the hook about 3 inches or less above the sinker, after all the knots are tied. Certainly better than forming an entire rig every time you lose one. For all the angler has to do is tie one improved clinch knot with the running

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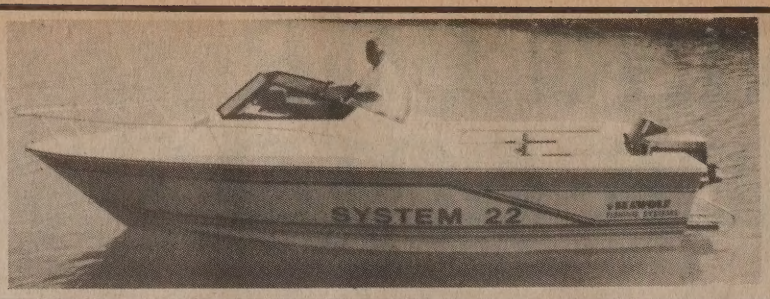

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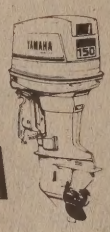

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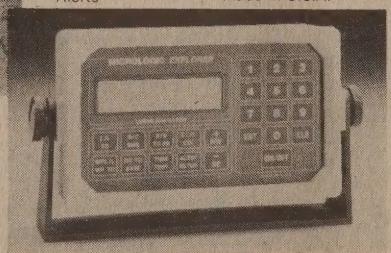

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Blackfish are drawn to the jetties because they find abundant food there, especially their favorite prey, such as mussels and various crabs. The fish, moreover, are protected with a thick, slimy hide and consequently, do not fear treacherous currents and rough terrain. Thus, the most commonly used bait for inlet blackfishing is a fiddler crab, fished alive. The crab, with its colorful china back markings, it only about the size of a thumbnail, yet it is easier to impale on a hook than a worm. Simply impale one through the rear side of the shell, being careful to expose the point, but not the barb of the hook. The Virginia, a blued hook, has a short bite and bend, and the hollow offset point is small as well. However, if the barb penetrates the shell, it wears a large hole in it and the fiddler soon falls off the hook. Many fishermen remove the large fiddler claw of the male crab and insert the hook into the socket and out the rear of the carapace. Remaining alive, the fiddler wriggles its claws and legs, and in this way, attracts blackfish.

Another frequently used bait is the green crab. This crab, a dark green, is larger than the fiddler, however, and is therefore cut in half from head to tail. The largest specimens are often quartered. The smallest ones, however, which are about three times the size of a fiddler, may be fished alive. The rigging method is the same as for fiddlers, although some people use a larger, #4 Virginia hook. They also crack the shell gently, which stuns the crab but emits a flow of juices. Most people, however, use green crabs in cut form, often breaking off the claws and legs as well. The crab piece, with exposed white meat on one side, is then impaled through one leg socket and out another, again being careful to wedge the barb inside the bait. Although some people remove all the shell material, including the top and bottom parts for maximum visibility, the white meat and gristle soon falls apart in inlet terrain. For the same reason, seaworms, which also attract blackfish, are not recommended for inlet fishing.

A nice thing about inlet fishing for tautog is that you do not have to scout around very far to locate the fish. By contrast, on Long Island Sound, where larger blackfish predominate, the shorebound angler may have to walk a mile or so before locating a productive mussel bed or submerged boulder. But at an inlet such as Shinnecock, most of the blackfish find their favorite rocks within 50 feet of the jetty entrance to the ocean. Here you can try the inlet or the ocean side, as well as either side of the overturned concrete block forming the entrance, if your aim is good. At Moriches, the fish tend to spread out

more, but it is a short distance from the ocean entrance to the rip formed by a bar near the bay side. Actually, Moriches' west jetty is better for blackfishing, but you need a beach vehicle to reach it from Smith Point, about seven miles away.

You do not have to be John Holden to cast to blackfish. Such a long-distance cast would be pointless, since the fish are in the rocks only a few feet away. Good aim, to avoid snagging, is more important. After the cast is made and the rig settles to the bottom on a tight line, successful blackfishing is a matter of timing and especially, feel. For the rig often bounces around in the swirling current, and every thump feels like a blackfish tug. Blackfish, however, generally hit the bait in a distinctive manner, by pecking at it rapidly with their conical teeth and large rubbery lips. Then they work the bait to the back of the mouth, where a pair of hard crushers pulverize the shell. This is signaled to the fisherman as a sharp, downward thud. The trick, then, is distinguishing a bumping rig from a bumping blackfish and then setting the hook between the staccato taps and the pulverizing thud. Even then, the work is not over, however. For the angler who then relaxes, even momentarily, may suddenly find himself with an immobile rig at the end of the fishing line. During this split second, the fish has hit the bottom and snagged the rig in the clutter below. And in this tug-of-war the fisherman invariably loses the fish and the rig. Thus, the fisherman should not only set the hook with a sharp lift of the rod, but follow through, by cranking the reel while the rod is held high. Once the fish is clear of the rubble, it is easy to bring in.

At many inlets, however, fishermen lose the catch after catching it. Blackfish remain alive for a long time and some literally kick the bucket in which they have been placed. The bucket seems secure on the rocks, but it is often resting at an angle and is easily overturned by a thrashing tautog. And trying to pluck a slippery tautog from a crevice between the rocks requires the grip of an osprey. A wet-sack is better than a bucket when fishing at an inlet.

The best fishing occurs around the change of tide, especially during the two hours before and after high tide. The water need not be calm, although strong northerly winds often bring gobs of seaweed through the inlets.

The blackfish has a firm white meat, which keeps well in the freezer. This tasty fish may be filleted or skinned like a catfish. Cut in chunks, the meat also makes an excellent ingredient for fish chowder.

Spring blackfishing takes place in May and June. Thereafter, the water becomes too warm and the fish move to offshore wrecks. If you want to experience some challenging bottom fishing this spring, try for tautog at a South Shore inlet.

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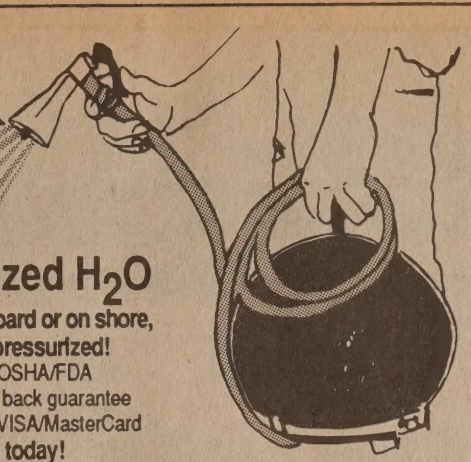

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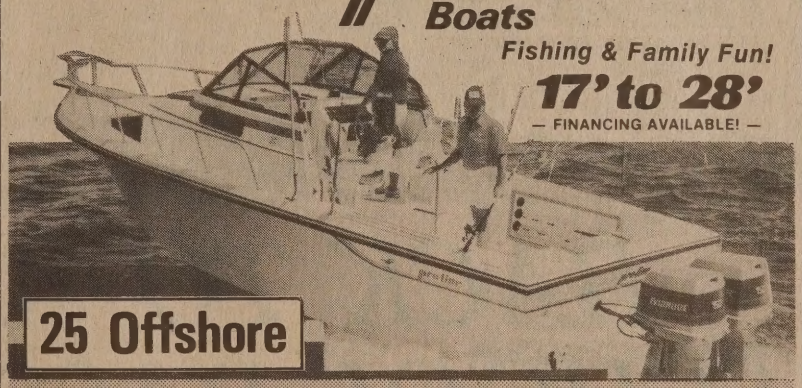

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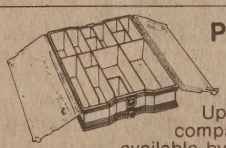

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BACK TO SCHOOL BASS

by Chris Rance

It was one of those nights that was designed to frustrate even the most patient of surf nuts. I was fishing at one of my favorite bridge haunts on a still, warm, mosquito-less May night. Just as the tide began to run out, I heard that once familiar sound of weakfish slurping at surface bait. Of course, without the bait or even the resources to fish it, I was left to flail the quietly running water with every type of artificial known to man. Before leaving in utter disgust, however, I managed to spy hundreds of grass shrimp dancing in the light made available by the bridge lights.

The very next night, I was back, vowing to do justice to the school of tiderunners that was sure to make another scheduled appearance. But, as so often happens in the surf game, the hallowed conditions had changed markedly. It was a much drier night, with west winds of 15 or 20 knots whipping up wavelets even in the lee of the abutments. If there were shrimp t here, they were hiding, for none made themselves available to my wind-blasted eyes.

Not to waste the bait, however. I had come to do battle armed with a dozen juicy sandworms and various floating rigs sporting bait saver hooks on the business end. And use them I did, to the tune of three scrappy school bass and one unseen warrior which ran like mad and then promptly cut me off on a rusty piling. My suspicions about these slurping fish from the night before were confirmed. After all, I hadn't seen weaks in this locale in years, and bass had seemingly taken over in their absence. Yes, I was disappointed; I still miss the spring run of weakfish that used to be commonplace in the 70s. However, I wasn't as disappointed as the numerous surfmen I've spoken with who have come to scorn the abundance of school stripers in our waters. Attention all sea robins and dogfish: you've got company now! Moving up fast on the charts is the newest trash fish—the school striper.

As a member of a surf fishing club that competes in the New York Surf Fishing Contest, I really shouldn't be bothered with these critters. Every spring though, I find myself devoting untold hours and energy on fish that won't bring me a single contest point. Why? Because these fish will strike savagely at surface or sinking lures, thrash the water in an attempt to throw the hook, use a running tide to their best advantage and otherwise provide outstanding sport for all interested parties. That's why I'm out there. And that's why there should be no more excuses from those who lament the sad fact that they've never caught a striper.

During the last few years, with increasingly stringent fishery regulations in effect, I have seen, heard and caught more schoolies than ever before. As these laws will probably stand for the immediate future, this situation is bound to remain the same. For those just starting out in their surf careers, it makes good sense to start off with these abundant battlers.

Finding the bass shouldn't be a problem. From late April (earlier in some western reaches of the Sound) to sometime in December, they may be found harassing forage fish and other baits at a plethora of locations on both shores of the Island. In the Sound, where beach access is more limited, some of the more accessible surf spots have held schoolies in recent years. Two of the most heavily fished locales are Caumsett and Sunken Meadow State Parks, where the past few summers have often found dense schools of sand eels pushed up on beach by predators. At dawn and dusk, these predators are likely to be tailor blues, but once darkness sets in, the bass take center state. When sand eels are the meal, imitations are the order of the day. Stick with floating or sinking minnows, like the Rebel, Redfin, Rapala, Bomber, Hellcat, or any reasonable facsimiles. I lean toward sinking, with black-backed silver finish taking the nod over blue. Of course, if you have the patience to fish them, sand worms are welcome wherever striped bass gather. Present them as naturally as possible, using a baitsaver hook snelled to 2 or 3 feet of 25 to 30 pound monofilament leader and a cork to float the worms close to the surface. If this doesn't produce, the standard fish finder rig with the same leade and a sinker appropriate for the current at hand is recommended.

Turning our attention to the South Shore, we can find schoolies in the surf (sometimes throughout the season) ambushing much the same bait

as on the north side. Taking West End 2, for example, the norm has been for school-sized bass to be taken through the summer doldrums on floating s swimmers. For some reason, Bombers are the choice artificials here, where the majority of the plugging has taken place along the ocean beach between the front of the parking ot and the jetty.

As a general rule, schoolies live and feed in estuarine areas. Fishing these areas from late April through late summer will, more often than not, yield significant catches of stripers. Matching the hatch is your best bet for scoring with these gamesters. There are likely to be spearing in these regions ranging in size from one inch youngsters to 5 or 6 inch grown-ups. Bring enough sizes of lures to be able to experiment until the right size is reached. Rounding out the bait selection are shrimp, crabs and sandworms, all of which may be offered to hungry school bass.

No discussion of a distinct species of fish in a distinct size range can be complete without some attention to the preferred tackle. In this case, we're talking about a game fish ranging in size from less than a pound to somwhere in the 7 to 8 pound range. Naturally, the rod, reel, and line used should be small enough to give the bass a chance to show their stuff, yet with enough backbone to tame even the larger of them in a reasonable amount of time. I say reasonable amount of time because this is obviously a catch and release situation. A spinning rod of 6½ to 8 feet in length, with some backbone but also a fairly fast tip for casting ease, should fit the bill. Reels holding 200 or 250 yards of 6 or 8 pound test, such as the Penn 720 or 722, will complement such rods quite nicely. My own preference is a 6½ foot rod with one of the above reels carrying 10 pound Ande pink. I go with the 10 pound because it's sturdier in the rocky areas I often fish, and will also give me a little more leeway in case something bigger comes along. In fact, I was glad I had the 10 on the spool a couple of springs back when a 16 pounder decided to engulf my little Rebel and take it quite a way downtide.

Before ending this note of praise for these hard-fighting game fish, let me reiterate that fishing for them in the late spring and summer months is str strictly a nighttime endeavor. Yes, we've all heard about the fluke fisherman at the town dock hauling in an outsized bass in mid-afternoon, but those happenings are a rarity. Look for schoolies to move inshore after dusk and feed actively there until the first hint of light. It is at that time that they'll take to the depths to rest up for the following night's hunting.

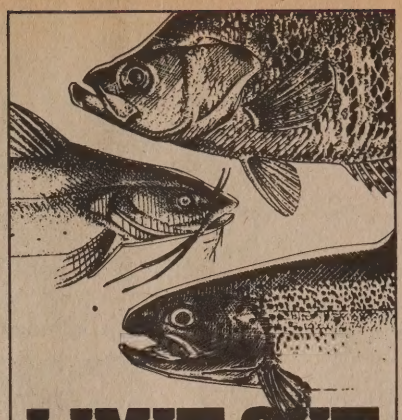
As for tides and moon phases, I've always stuck with outgoing tides and dark (moonless) or overcast nights. I see no reason to start experimenting with the incoming. The outgoing water sets up the kinds of currents and eddies that bass of all sizes prowl around in search of confused bait. My personal choice is a fairly dark night on a dropping tide with just a slight breeze to chop up the surface a bit. A very bright moon, I should point out, does wonders with masking the much-maligned "fire" in the water, but many feel that it also keeps the bass out of the shallows. Somewhere in your experimentation, you'll find a happy medium.

Last, but certainly not the least item of importance in this type of fishing, is the art of releasing these bass. Even if a law allowing a one or two fish bag limit for bass over 33 inches is passed, the particular type of fishing described here will still necessitate efficient release methods. Various articles on releasing fish have appeared in this publication, but for those who may be getting into their first schoolies, the ideas bear repeating.

First of all, you'll want to land your striper in a reasonable amount of time. You don't have to "horse" him in, but you also don't want the bass to tire himself to the point of exhaustion. When you do land him, get a hold on the front portion of the body, either by the lip, if available, or else around the head. My own method is to kneel over the striper and apply firm (not crushing) pressure on the gill plate in order to ensure that the suddenly thrashing bass doesn't embed a couple of hooks in my fingers. I've often seen pictures of anglers with their hands stuck way up inside a striper's gills, but one to has to wonder how healthy this practice is for the bass. After all, we're talking about their organs of breathing.

After working the hooks out of the bass, carry him back to the calmest water available, taking care not to get your hands all over the schoolie's body. I say this because the mucous membrane which covers this fish is an essential and protective part of its anatomy. Once in the water, a small bass will probably dart off in a matter of seconds. If recovery is slower, gently guide the bass in its natural S-curve swimming motion. When he has enough strength to pull away from a light hold on his tail, he's probably okay. Make sure, though, that the little guy, in his confusion, doesn't beach himself (my experience shows that this is more of a bluefish trait).

Perhaps the most important consideration in catch and release fishing is the practice of bending down the barbs on all hooks used. Where stripers and their bony jaws and strong lips are concerned, this could be the difference between getting a fish back into the water in a matter of seconds or a couple of minutes. Also, you substantially reduce the amount of damage done to the bass when you bend down the barbs. When you're heading out this spring, remember that there's plenty of action to be had with overlooked schoolies and it's probably at a beach near you.



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AN EDUCATION IN FISHING

by Robert Kent

Introducing youngsters to fishing can help them improve the quality of their lives.

In today's complicated world, young people have a difficult time growing up. Many of our teen-age youth have trouble finding healthful ways to enjoy themselves, and turn to using drugs or other harmful substances. Even those teenagers who stay out of trouble often say to their parents, "What is there to do around here?" A new educational program, developed by Daniel Stenzler, Outdoor Education Specialist for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, (BOCES), Third Supervisory District and The Suffolk County Organization for the Promotion of Education (SCOPE) and Robert J. Kent of Cornell Cooperative Extension in Suffolk County, aims at introducing young people to fishing as a way of improving the quality of their lives. We build in environmental education into the program as well, and hope the students develop a concern for our fisheries resources. We call our program "Exploring Long Island's Fisheries Resource."

The program is aimed specifically at high school aged students, and school districts can contract for the program by contacting Dan Stenzler at BOCES, (516) 360-3652. In April, the first group of high school students to participate in the program rated it very highly. They were from Mr. Richard Kissel's Alternative Learning Center, a part of the Lindenhurst School District. Mr. Kissel elected to have the program run for five consecutive days, during school hours; however, the scheduling is flexible and can be tailored to the needs of the participating school. Other BOCES outdoor education programs meet after school hours and occasionally on weekends.

The week-long program began with an orientation meeting at the school. Since the program is intended to also teach students some basic fish biology and management principles, the first item on the agenda was a fish dissection class led by Dan Stenzler. The session helped the students appreciate the unique adaptations fish have developed to live in the aquatic environment. Perhaps the item of greatest interest to the students was cutting into the fishes stomachs, to find out what they had been feeding on. This, of course, led to a discussion on baits to use while fishing.

After learning the basics of fish biology, we turned our attention to the tackle used to catch fish. Using pieces of nylon rope, the students learned how to tie the two knots they would be using over and over again during the week, the improved clinch knot and the end loop. After a quick trip to the ball field to practice handling the rods and reels, we started a casting contest. Cooperative Extension, with the assistance of The Fisherman and Fred Golofaro, has assembled a large collection of tackle to use with fishing education programs. By the end of day one the students had the basic knowledge and skills they would need for the rest of the week of fishing. We wanted the students to feel as self-sufficient as possible, so that they would not have to keep asking the instructors for help each time they wanted to put new bait on a hook, or lost their terminal tackle to a rock on the bottom.

Day two was a trip to Connetquot State Park, to learn about fly fishing from two experts: Ron Prawicka and Tom Schlichter. After getting an orientation to the history of this fascinating park, the students took a tour of the fish hatchery. Ron Prawicka led the session on casting with the fly fishing tackle and had the students casting extremely well in a very short time. "Think of your arm as the hand on a clock," said Ron, "never let it go further back than ten o'clock and never further forward than two o'clock. Keep those wrists stiff," insisted Ron and soon the students had the knack of it. Gill Bergen, manager of the park, was instrumental in helping the first day be a success, by providing angling spots for the students. "Even if only

A fish fry caped a day of fishing and canoeing on the Nissequogue.

one of those students decides that fishing is for them, the program will be a success," commented Gill. Many trout were caught that day, but most were returned for others to catch some other day. We had taught the students about catch and release and it didn't bother them that we didn't keep but a few.

Day three found us fishing in Long Island Sound, near the power plant in Northport. Although the flounder and blackfish let us down, the striped bass were plentiful. Mr. Kissel demonstrated how to release the fish without harming them, and the students had the opportunity to learn about the management problems centering on striped bass. Walking down the beach Tom Schlichter told the students, "You know, many anglers go most of their lives without catching either a trout on a fly, or a striper. Whether you realize it or not, you are becoming very successful anglers." Having instructors like Tom along made the difference.

It was cloudy and cool on day four, but the rain held off for our canoe trip down the Nissequogue River. Before we even got into a canoe, one of the students had caught himself a nice sunny. Dan Stenzler gave the students the basics of canoe safety and we were off, each student equipped with ultra light tackle and worms. Traffic had been heavy that morning, and the calm and solitude of the river was a welcome relief. Dan and I were canoe partners, and Dan told me, "You know, I've led countless canoe trips down this river, with all ages of students. This group is absolutely the best behaved I've had. Usually the kids fool around, or get into power struggles about canoeing with each other." Perhaps it was their concentration of fishing that kept their minds occupied and the kids out of trouble. Fortunately, we had a cooler of fish waiting for us at the end of the river, as only two fish were caught that day. Back on shore, we had a demonstration of fish filleting by Dick Kissel and then the students tried it for themselves. This was followed by a fish fry, using Dick's recipe, which warmed us up and lifted our spirits. While enjoying lunch, a student ran up with a flounder he had caught in the river. He had made his own flounder rig and stuck the end of the rod in the mud. The fish had caught itself.

Our final day found us on the Captree Star, fishing for flounder. The fog was so thick we couldn't see even a few feet in front of us. By the time we got to the fishing grounds near the "Sore Thumb" the fog began to lift. The fishing began slowly and picked up by the time the day was done. One student caught a 16½ inch beauty, and won the pool. The mate informed him, "If you caught that fish tomorrow, you would probably have won a season's worth of free party boat fishing at the Captree Festival." Poor Dan was getting discouraged, as

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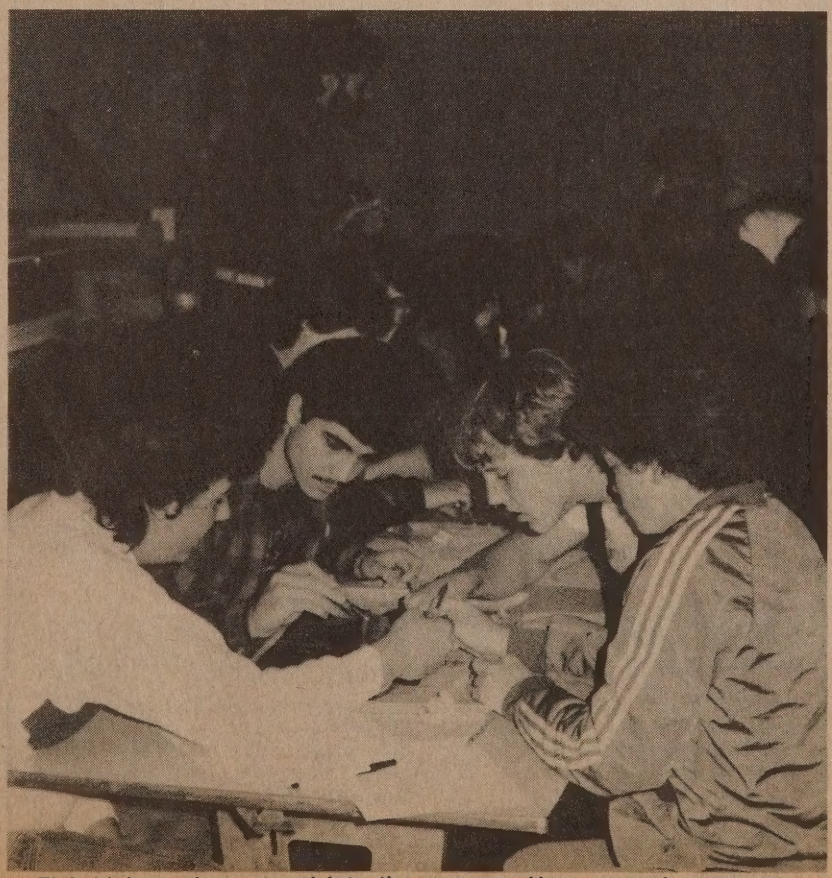
Ron Prawicka volunteered his efforts to teach the youngsters fly fishing skills.



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he hadn't caught a fish the whole week. We had about five minutes left of fishing, when Dan said, "This is it, this is the end, if I don't catch a fish I'm giving up on fishing forever." People all around Dan were pulling in fish and nice large ones at that. "Try some fresh bait," I told him, and just before the final horn Dan got a flounder. "Just enough fish for my young son," said Dan. I was glad Dan got a fish, or I would have been teaching the program all by myself next time.

At work colleagues often tease me, "Some job you've got Bob, going fishing again, you call that work?" "Why don't you come along and find out," I counter. It takes a lot of planning and preparation to make a fishing program successful and being responsible for a group of students keeps one from relaxing very much. Sure, it's a lot of work, but it's worth it when you see the smiles on the faces of the students when they catch a fish, and getting to know the students personally during the week is the best part. I'll remember most of those students, even if I forget their names. One of the girls was a natural fly fisherman, she had real talent. Then there was the girl that let that big trout get away; Ron Prawicka almost cried. But he helped her catch another. I will not soon forget the black leather jackets some of the boys wore; perhaps they'll be wearing fly fishing vests next time I see them.

We try very hard, through careful planning and by selecting knowledgable instructors, to make sure that every student has a successful experience. Nothing is more disappointing than not catching fish, especially during a week long program. Many people would get discouraged and not go fishing again, if that happened to them. By having success, we hope our students will get hooked on fishing and feel confident to fish on their own, after the program is over. Sometimes I like to think of our sport fishing education program as an economic development program. We are developing the sportsmen (and women) of tomorrow. They will be the ones visiting the local bait and tackle stores, and taking the trips aboard the party boats. Some people, mostly non-anglers, sometimes have trouble seeing the educational value of a fishing program. We have to explain to them, this program is more than just a program about how to catch fish. It's a program about successful living, about developing confidence in oneself through the development of skills. Unlike the classroom setting, students in our program get to try out what they have learned immediately and see for themselves that learning from others can lead to positive ends. For students that are having problems in school, this can be a very valuable lesson. Students also have the opportunity to see how well adjusted adults enjoy themselves, without the use of drugs and alcohol. They get positive role models to follow.

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A FRIEND TO ALL

by Matt Ahern

The other day I listened in on several sinker bouncers who were in the midst of discussing the relative merits of Long Island's various bottom fish. It was interesting to hear each individual make his point. And as all fishermen are seldom of one mind on such a topic, not much was accomplished, for certainly it is true that a man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still. But at the conclusion of the debate, one rather well-informed fisherman remarked: "I don't care what you guys say, the ling is easiest of all fish to catch."

That observation made me stop and think. And the more I thought about it, the more convinced I became that that fisherman was right. What other worthwhile fish is so easy to catch? What other fish of merit is such a willing biter?

Some fishermen might argue the point and claim whiting are just as eager to accept the baited hook. True enough. But I believe the ling has the advantage in this respect: few whiting approach the weight of the average ling, and this being so, it doesn't take long to fill a bucket.

My acquaintance with ling goes back many years. During the Great Depression days when I was a hell-bent-for-leather young fisherman who thought he knew all there was to know about fishing, I often jeeringly referred to party boats that specialized in ling fishing as "low-down lingbelly boats," and the fishermen on board as ling jerkers. I just couldn't understand how any angler in his right mind could pass up the excellent sea bass, porgy and fluke fishing that was then available.

I understand now, of course. For not only did these old-timers seize upon this golden opportunity to feed their families with good wholesome food, catching ling was a lot of fun to boot. I recall how many of those fishermen sold their day's catch at the dock, thereby assuring themselves of the two bucks needed for the next day's fare, but they also brought home the making of several meals for their less fortunate unemployed neighbors.

Throughout more than 60 years of fishing I've heard ling called many disparaging remarks and sad to say, some of this slander exists today. Usually these remarks are passed by fishermen who have never caught a ling, or having done so, left them lying on a hot deck in the blazing sun, where, as with any fish, they soon became unfit for human consumption. Let me put to rest all these remarks by saying there's nothing wrong with ling.

As noted, ling fishing is great fun. So much so that many experienced party boat fishermen will go so far as to shun the often excellent mackerel fishing available during May. Some party boat skippers devote all their spring fishing to these small members of the cod family. Their "regulars" want ling, and more ling. Certainly, they must know something other fishermen should know.

Have I got you interested in ling? Good. Let's see how to go about getting a few. And to do this, it is perhaps best to begin with a short rundown.

Ling are cool water fish (not cold, mind you) and few are caught during summer as coastal waters warm. By mid-October some ling begin to show and fishing remains fair until extreme cold weather. These catches, however, never equal those of springtime. During late April and into May and June, and the early part of July, ling are plentiful and more than willing to take on any fisherman desiring to dangle a baited hook.

At one time, ling were considered a drop-line fish: hit bottom and pull 'em in. But today, fishermen want as much sport as possible from their fishing and they use the lightest tackle needed to do the job.

A medium weight boat rod and matching conventional reel capable of holding 150 yards of good quality 20 or 30 pound test monofilament line is the best choice. With it you'll have no difficulty hooking ling in any area you may be fishing. Such tackle will have the backbone to lift fish over the rail, even if they should be better than average size.

Avoid the use of spinning tackle on party boats when ling fishing. This

tackle isn't made to handle the heavy sinkers which are often required to hold bottom; weights will often reach eight or more ounces depending upon area fished and current strength.

It is common to see the frustration that is caused anglers when they use tackle not geared for the fishing. Often when spinning tackle is used for ling fishing, many fish will be missed, and those that are hooked cannot be reeled to the surface. It is then when the angler must set his rod aside and handline the fish. Who needs this sort of aggravation? A word to the wise is sufficient.

Leaders are unnecessary—there is nothing shy about ling. Ordinary snelled hooks do the job perfectly.

As for those hooks, my preference has always been a 3/0 or 4/0 regular shanked Sproat. On occasion, I've used a 5/0 about three feet above the sinker whenever I believed there might be a stray cod about—as when fishing the deep water of the Ambrose Tower grounds. But this is usually a catch-as-can- deal and I wouldn't expect too much from it if you're fishing past the first week of May. If you're fishing open bottom, this top hook is more likely to garner whiting.

It is best to tandem tie two hooks and place them about two inches above the sinker. Should you be fishing over a wreck or rocks and the conditions are "sticky," it's then wise to use just one bottom hook.

You may catch fewer fish with a one-hook rig when double-headers are coming up, but don't let that bother you. You'll lose fewer rigs, save much time rerigging and at day's end you'll have about the same amount of fish as your two-hook neighbor—and with a lot less frustration.

Three way swivels aren't necessary. Just form a two inch loop with a double-overhand knot at the required distance above your sinker and use that in place of a swivel. Get into the habit of using the least amount of terminal tackle needed to do the job. You'll always catch more fish when you do—not only ling but all bottom feeders.

Ling take a variety of baits, but the most popular is clam. This is the kind you'll find aboard most party boats. Fishermen also use other baits, including squid strips and fish bait. Don't cut a slice from one of your ling; it's too soft to remain on the hook for any length of time. You can use a strip of bergall or dogfish with good result. They'll save much rebaiting, too.

Make sure that whatever strip bait you decide to use is cut into three inch strips—no longer. Weave the hook through twice and allow a little to wiggle enticingly in the current for best results. The same applies to clam, but use medium-width slices about two inches long and cut so as to include some of the clam's soft belly. Ling have no teeth to speak of and they relish soft bait.

When fishing is done over open bottom, most party boats will drift. Those that anchor up usually chum, and once the fish start biting it is rarely necessary to chum again.

Many sunken wrecks hold large quantities of ling during May and June. Chumming usually isn't necessary when wreck fishing, but if the fishing is slow it is done on the chance that the fish may be feeding a short distance away.

The waters of the New York Bight contain an abundance of ling in springtime. I've caught them on the following grounds over the years: the Ambrose Lightship (Tower) Grounds; the Ambrose Ridge; the old Scotland Lightship grounds; The Cedars off Sandy Hook (very good in mid-May); the Subway Grounds south of Ambrose; in and offshore Seabright; 17 Fathom Bank; the "high-spots" on the Cholera Bank (often excellent in July); the Klondike Bank; the Angler Bank; the South-East Grounds; Coal Wreck; Steel Wreck; Joe Wreck; C.O.D. Wreck; Stone Barge; Howard Wreck; Iberia Wreck (bring plenty of extra terminal tackle when fishing here); and the McAllister Ground.

Most any ground near these places will produce ling and often "pot luck" pays off.

And that's about all I can tell you a about springtime ling at this time. If you're smart, you'll plan a trip soon. Go out and have a good old time. I don't think you'll be sorry.

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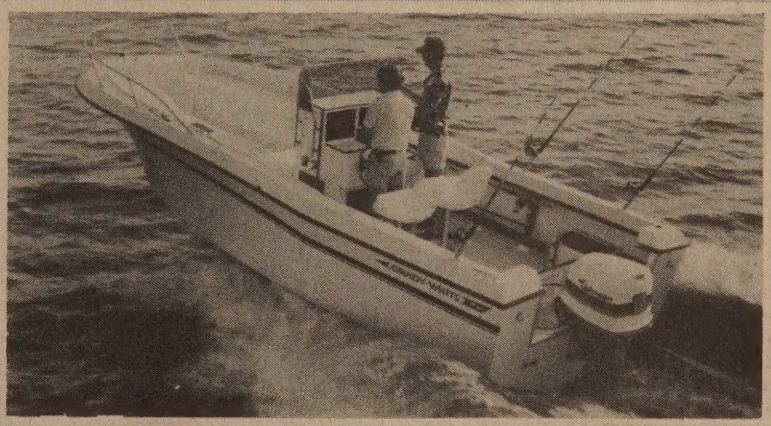

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CHARTING THE WESTERN BAYS

by Capts. Carmine Farese & Mark Kaufman

It was some 20 years ago when I decided to get serious about fishing. Up until then, I had been fishing with my Dad from rental boats or docks along the South Shore of Long Island.

With each trip Dad and I made, I became more excited with the idea of fishing different parts of the bays. And so, it wasn't long before I bought my first boat. It was a 21 foot plywood number with a big, old 75 hp clunker on the stern. Not a beauty by any standards, but it was everything I needed to fish all those places and spots I'd been dreaming about. I fished as much as I could, whenever I could. I learned a lot. Soon, I thought I pretty much knew everything there was to know about fishing the South Shore bays. But, I didn't. It wasn't long before I discovered there was more to learn than I ever realized.

One trip in my new boat was in early spring when the flounder begin emerging from the bottol silt and mud. That morning I dropped in at the local bait and tackle dealer to pick up some bait and some information. I explained to the dealer that I had just gotten a boat and was new to the area. I asked him where the best spots might be for flounder. He was eager to help and told me that the flounder had been hitting with a vengeance in "Rowboat Alley," not too far from "Horse Race," and some boats had

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also reported good action at Mashes Rack. That was good enough for me. I grabbed my bait, thanked the dealer and went off to find my fishing buddy, Dave. We got down to the boat early, stowed our gear and headed out to Rowboat Alley. Then it dawned on me, where exactly was Rowboat Alley? I pulled out my Coast Guard chart of the area. No help. The chart didn't show Rowboat Alley. Nor did it show the Horse Race or Mashes Rack, or a lot of other areas I'd heard or read about.

Our big fishing day quickly turned into a big searching day. Dave and I rode around asking for directions and looking for Rowboat Alley.

From that day on, any information I picked up on the location and names of local fishing areas was quickly noted and marked on my Coast Guard chart. At least this way I would have some idea of where these fishing grounds and areas were in relation to each other and to the names of channels and islands identified on my Coast Guard chart.

A few years later, I joined a fishing club. It was there I met my long time fishing partner, Carmine. Carmine had been fishing for quite a few years longer than I had been, and he also had been compiling a list of local fishing areas along and off the South Shore. We soon compared notes and combined lists and began fishing together on a regular basis. For the next 15 years we caught a lot of fish together and added a lot of names and areas to our bay charts. Obviously, our charts became very important to us. However, they were constantly being threatened with tears, rips, smudges, saltwater stains, grease and you name it. Being paper, they also faded and simply couldn't stand up to the torture they got from the elements and the environment of a small bay boat.

Now, in all the years we fished together, I don't know how many times Carmine and I would say to each other, "There's got to be a lot of fishermen out there having the same problems with their charts. Why not make a chart that will solve all these problems?" Well, three years ago, we did and here's how we went about it.

First, we talked to some of the South Shore's more experienced charter boat captains, baymen, bait and tackle dealers and a lot of "old-timers." From them, along with our own information, we put together a list of all the local names and favorite hotspots we could identify. We then added information on when to fish, how to fish and what bait and tackle to use for the different species in each area. All this data was put on one chart covering all the bays from East Rockaway Inlet to Shinnecock Bay. Next, we printed the chart in full color on a single piece of tough waterproof paper, which we then liquid laminated, making it easy to fold and stow away. We called it the **Carmark Bay** Chart. The following areas are among those marked on the chart and reveal some of the most frequently looked for fishing spots in the western bays.

Starting with the west end of these bays, there is one spot in Reynolds Channel we're sure you've heard or read about. It's called the "Yacht Club" and is located on the north side of Reynolds Channel, about 1½ miles east of the Atlantic Beach Bridge. The waters in front of the Yacht Club run about 5 to 9 feet in depth before they drop off into the deeper main channel. In the early spring and late fall, flounder enter and leave the bays through East Rockaway Inlet. They pass this stretch of water in front of the Yacht Club where bottom conditions and currents combine to make for some truly great fishing.

Moving a little east of this area, a narrow sand bar develops on the north side of Reynolds Channel and runs for about a mile. The edges of this bar can provide some good fluke fishing in the late spring and summer. With an east to west current, you can get some good long drifts here. No one could give us a name for this area so we indicated it on the Carmark chart with the initial symbol FK for fluke.

Another good area for flounder and fluke is Duck Point. This area is located directly northwest across from the Long Beach High School. Here the waters that flow down Broad Channel bring bits of food from the back bays to eagerly waiting fluke and flounder. The whole channel between Duck Point and the cement block all the way down to Magnolia Pier and Railroad Bridge is good for fluke and flounder fishing. Also, in the fall, some really big bluefish can be found in the area around the Pier and the Railroad Trestle. One word of caution, however. On summer weekends, the boat traffic here can be quite heavy and all the wakes can make anchoring and drifting both difficult and uncomfortable.

Moving further east in Reynolds Channel, you will come to Garrett's Lead. Back in the 60s, this channel between Garretts Marsh and East Channel Islands was also known as the "Poles." We like to fish this channel about halfway up the north and west side for flounder and slow drift the entire length for fluke.

Another popular area with a lot of fishermen is the golf course off Reynolds Channel. The golf course is about 3½ miles west of the Point Lookout Bridge and borders the south side of Reynolds Channel. Here Reynolds Channel widens out to about 1/2 mile and for the last few years this area has provided both private and charter boats with a lot of fast action during the fluke season. Though this past season saw a lot of these fish measuring just 13 inches, we have pulled up some 4½ pounders.

There are no signs to help you locate these popular fishing areas, but charts such as the Carmark Bay Chart will certainly help you to avoid spending the day "searching" instead of fishing.

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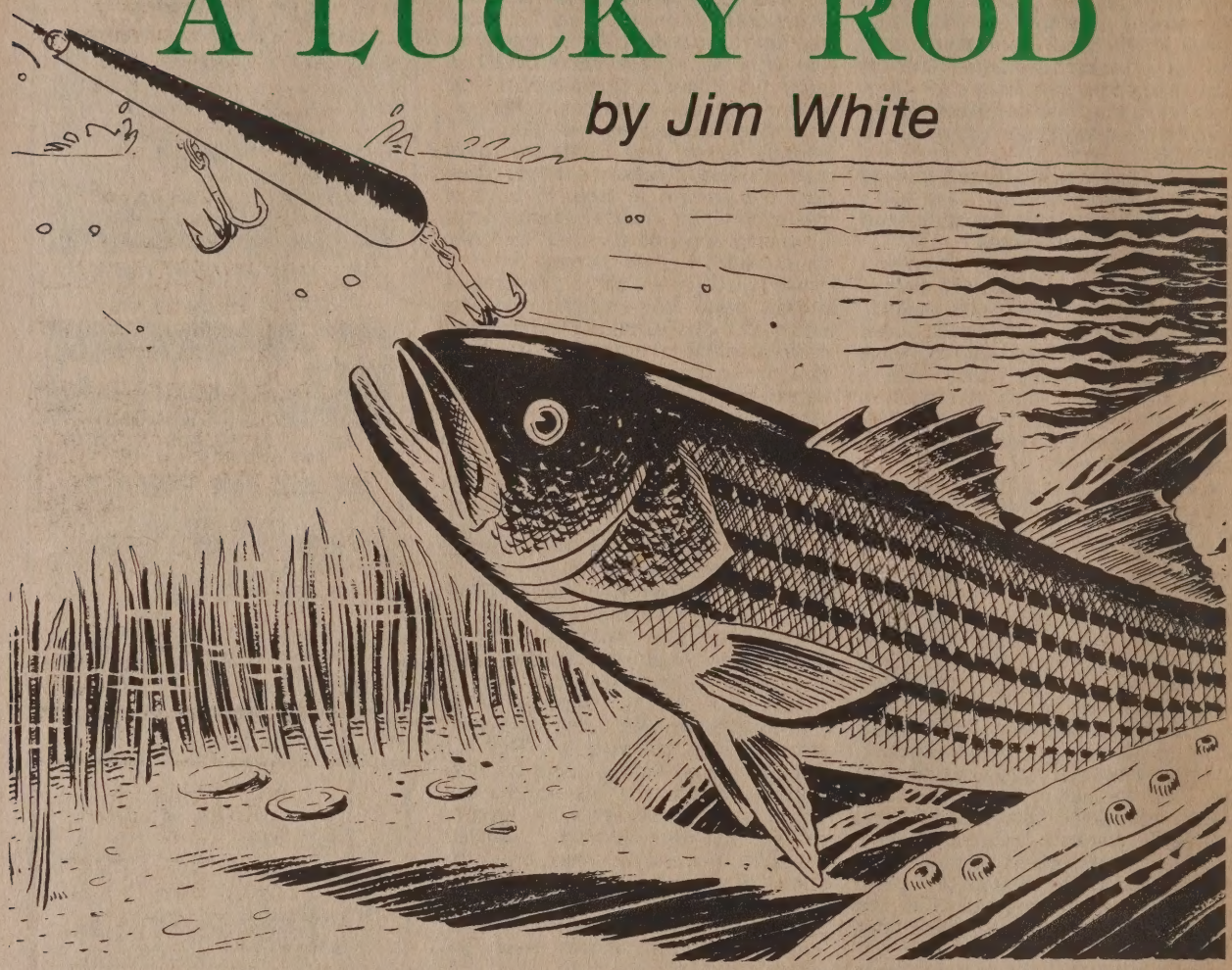

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This will not be a story of where or how to catch more fish but one of a particular day, the kind you pray for, the kind that dreams are made of. It's also a story of a new rod, a friend and a fish. A fish which can make you humble, laugh and cry at the same time.

The events began when Joe Mollica, formerly from Top of the Dock Tackle Shop, called to tell me that my new surf rod was ready and waiting for me and that I could pick it up any time I was ready. Joe had just finished building me an 11 foot Lamiglas surf rod, which I couldn't wait to get my hands on. I had tossed his surf rod around in the back of the shop sometime before when he first finished his and I was very impressed with its handling and light weight.

Anyway, on my next day off I drove to Narragansett eager to pick up the rod and give it a try that weekend. At the shop Joe and I said hello, talked a little about fishing and how things were going. He then took the rod down from the rack on which it hung and handed it to me. "Wow!" I said, "She's beautiful."

"I hope she's as lucky for you as mine has been for me," Joe replied. He then explained how on his first trip out with his new rod, he landed a 42 pound striper.

"I should be so lucky," I answered.

Joe then suggested we walk down to the pier behind the shop and give her a try. I agreed and in minutes I was casting a 2 oz. Gibbs Pencil Popper farther than anything I had ever seen. Even a few guys standing by waiting for the blues to show stopped fishing to watch how far the rod could hum two ounces of wood out into the ocean.

On the sixth or seventh cast the water boiled and the rod bent. "Hey Joe, I got one," I shouted. Not a big fish, but a fish nonetheless. "All right," Joe yelled, as he laughed and moved over to me to pay me on the back. "That's going to be a lucky rod for you. That fish is a good omen."

"Maybe you're right," I replied. There was something about the rod that transmitted a feeling of confidence. I couldn't figure out what, but I just couldn't shake the feeling. Maybe Joe was right. It did feel lucky. I brought the 7 lb. bluefish up the rocks, removed the plug and Joe and I walked back to the shop. He said he had lots of work to do and he had to get to it. We said goodbye and we parted.

Not wanting to go home just then, I checked my watch to see how long I had before I'd have to leave to be

home for the kids when they came back from school. Three and a half hours. No way I can go home now, I thought, too early.

I proceeded to drive down to Pt. Judith light. As I drove down Ocean Road, I thought to myself how good the water looked and the wind and tide would be good at the point. The day was overcast, so just maybe there'd be some fish around. Pulling into the parking lot there were only two cars there with the people inside just watching the white water roll in. "Well," I thought, "At least there's no fishermen around."

Parking the truck, I readied my tackle and climbed down the rocks towards the pounding surf. He said this rod was great in the wind, I guess I'll soon find out, I said to myself, as I slung the 2 oz. Pencil Popper into a 20 knot plus wind and a sea of white before me.

Looking around, I noticed I was completely alone. Just me, the new rod and the sea. My mind returned to a different time. A time long gone by. I was standing next to my dad throwing Atom swimmers to feeding bass. And I could hear his voice instructing me what to do. I missed those times we shared and hoped that someday I'd share those same precious moments with my own son.

Suddenly my rod bent and I sensed something trying to drag me seaward. Out of instinct, I set the hook! Instantly the line began to peel off of the spinning reel. The power I felt was awesome and totally unexpected. The next few minutes were give and take, until the fish came close enough to see and grab. A bass! Maybe 25 or 30 pounds. My heart was now pounding like it was trying to leave my chest. I couldn't believe my eyes. After all, it was eleven o'clock in the morning. Did Joe know something about this rod that I didn't? After all, he did say it'd be lucky!

Putting a tag in her, I gently released the fish back into her domain. I looked up only to see the water alive with fish. Bass and blues mixed, right at my feet. Stripers maybe up to 40 pounds or more were devouring mullet in no more than two feet of water. The next few casts brought a couple of slammer blues around 16 lbs. Can this really be happening? I didn't even come to fish to begin with.

Checking the area I found myself still alone. Just me, the fish and my new rod! I was now talking to myself. Looking skyward I shouted as loud as I could above the crashing waves, "Lord, if you're going to take me, then please take me now." For I was sure that if there was a fisherman's heaven, I surely must be in it now. Anyone witnessing my antics at this point surely would have thought this guy ought to be locked up. He's down there talking to someone he thinks is above his head!

The next cast brought an even more unbelievable sight: four or five bull bass all swimming for the right to devour my pencil popper. The sight left my mind blank and my body numb. At this point I wanted to tell somebody what was happening here, but not even the tourists were left. Just me all alone, with all these fish and my new rod.

It was then I saw a black and silver image erupt under my plug inside an incoming comber. My only thoughts now were, "Oh my God!" The rod then bent in two straining from the weight the big fish was now applying. Line screamed from the reel as if I had hooked the plug on the back of a truck. The rough sea conditions gave her even more strength as she masterfully used the waves and current to her advantage. Concentrate, I kept saying to myself, think about what you're doing. What the fish will do next. Then it came back to me again, "This is a lucky rod." Joe's words kept interrupting my concentration. Finally, I turned her head. I began looking for a place to bring her ashore among the boulders which now seemed like giant mountains lurking everywhere.

Alone I felt trapped. How can I land her in this surf with all these rocks and not hurt her or kill her? That I didn't want to do! Fifteen minutes later, she was three or four feet out in front and I got my first good look at her. My body shook at the sight. Fifty, maybe 55, I thought. She then turned and took 30 more yards of line off the spool. I carefully worked my way into the water to get a better shot at grabbing her gill. As I did, she came rolling towards my feet. I reached down and grabbed at her tail. With my hand now on her, I could feel the very essence of her being in every part of my body. It was as if for just that one moment we were one, the hunter and the hunted. This is what I've lived for, I thought. The sea, the fish, the battle. But somehow this one felt different from all the rest. This one had somehow touched my soul. I felt a respect and reverence I'd never known before.

As I looked to see where the plug had her hooked, I caught her eye. She seemed to be looking to see what I would do next. The treble hooks barely had the corner of her bony jaw and I sensed the contest was over. One last, quick turn and she set herself free as I stood and watched her move her way through the heavy surf as if it were just another calm day at the water.

Back out of the water, I sat down, lit up a cigarette and reflected on the struggle that had just taken place.

"Why do I love this so," I asked myself? It's really beyond fun or excitement, it's more than a sport or just fishing. Look at me—I've cut my hand, banged my knees, twisted my back and wound up soaking wet. I must be addicted to it! For if you couldn't catch these fish, what would be the point of living? I've fished for just about everything freshwater and salt have to offer but nothing comes close to the feeling this fish brings. After all, it's just a fish—or is it?

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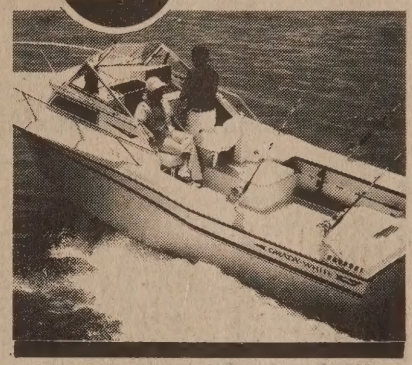

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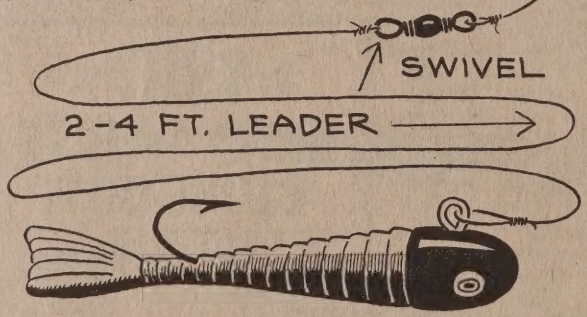
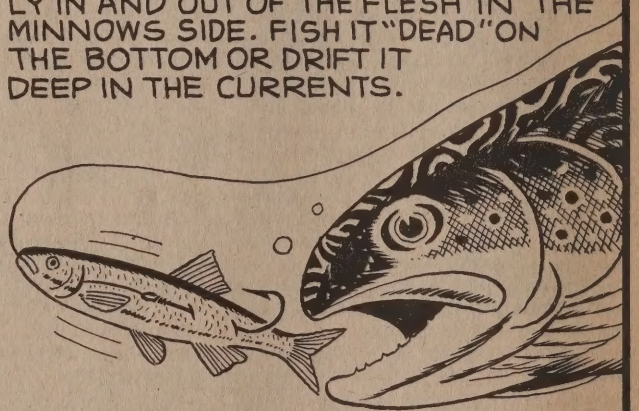
IN A PINCH YOU CAN USE THE FINE-GRAINED SANDPAPER STRIKING SURFACE OF A BOOK OF MATCHES TO SHARPEN A DULL HOOK. IT CAN ALSO BE USED TO PUT THE EDGE ON A KNIFE.

WHEN TROLLING, BITS OF GRASS AND OTHER DEBRIS GET DRAPED ON THE LINE, SLIDE DOWN AND MESS UP THE PLUG, JIG OR SPOON. *A SWIVEL ATTACHED 2 TO 4 FEET ABOVE THE LURE WILL CATCH MOST OF THE GUNK AND KEEP THE LURE CLEAN.*



ONE OF THE BEST BAITS FOR TAKING BIG TROUT IN DEEP HOLES IS A FRESH KILLED MINNOW. RUN THE HOOK IN THE MOUTH, OUT THE GILLS, AND LIGHTLY IN AND OUT OF THE FLESH IN THE MINNOWS SIDE. FISH IT "DEAD" ON THE BOTTOM OR DRIFT IT DEEP IN THE CURRENTS.



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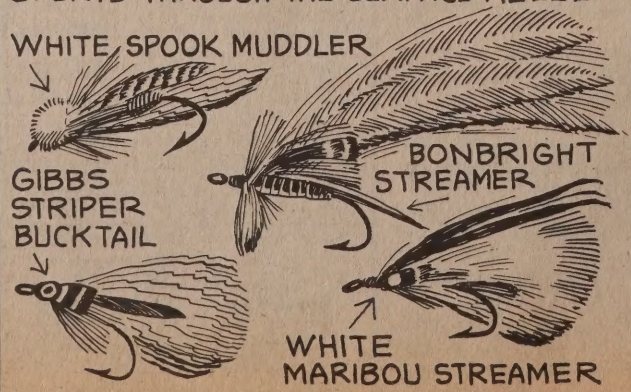

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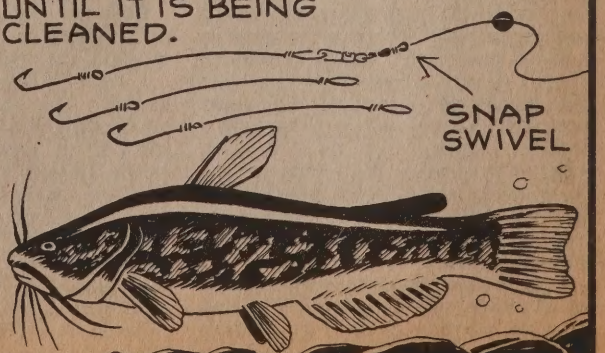


"LATE NIGHTS" WITH WEAKFISH

by Tom Schlichter

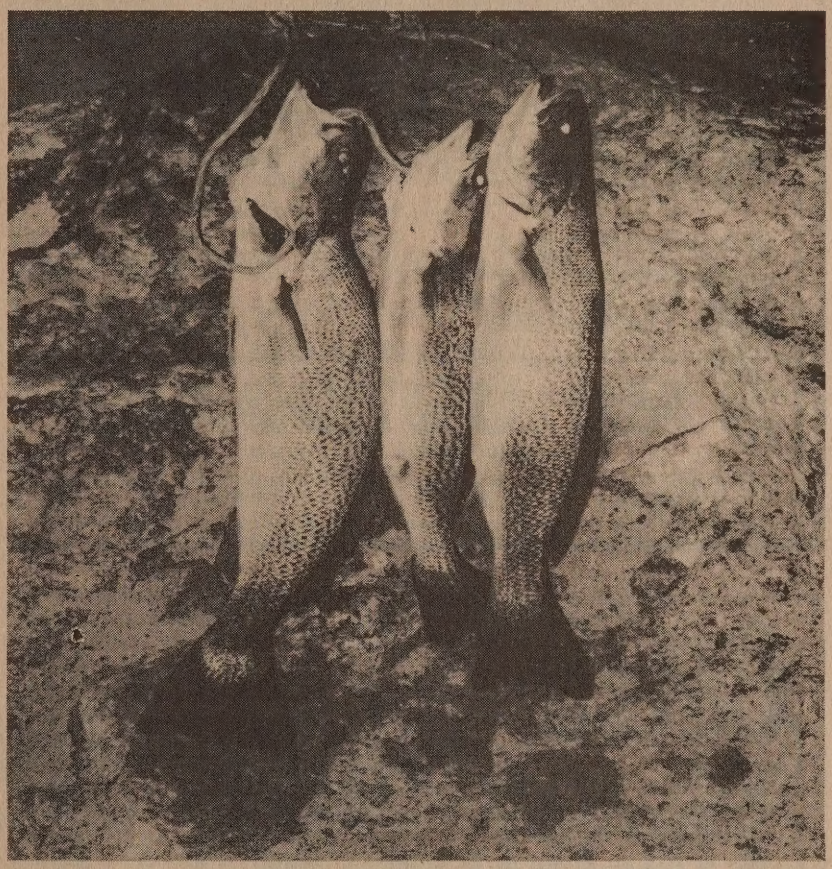
Like the fish which must adapt to its environment in order to survive, so must the angler constantly update and revise his methods to reflect changes in the feeding and behavior patterns of the game which he pursues. In no case is this point better illustrated than when one considers the weakfish and those who ply the waters of Great South Bay in search of them.

There are still weakfish to be caught. However, they don't seem to fall as readily for the methods that were so productive when the yellowtails were more plentiful. Back in the late 1970s, it seemed all one had to do was drag a jellyworm, plastic tailed shrimp or grub along the bottom of West Channel, the Heckscher flats, or adjacent to Ocean Beach, and the fish would hop aboard. One has to realize, though, that back then, the waters of Great South Bay were teeming with weaks. This equated to intense competition for available food and thus, the fish had to be aggressive and constantly on the lookout for whatever they could ingest. Nowadays, with the stocks at what some consider to be dangerously low levels, the competition has lessened and the fish can afford to be much more selective as to what (and when) they eat.

To meet this change in the basic nature of weakfish, successful anglers have had to make adjustments. Fishing on weekdays or after dark when boat traffic is minimal has been one change many anglers have instituted. The use of natural baits such as sandworms, squid strips or fish strips has been another. Still other anglers continue to use the jelly worms or plastic shrimp, but fish them in locations far removed from the crowds. All these changes can help improve your chances for success.

I, too, have made changes in my thoughts about and methods of catching weakfish. One of these has been to restrict my weakfishing to late night hours with live bait—usually from docks or jetties along the south shore mainland. Using the following method, I've taken Great South Bay weaks to 12 lbs. from various points between Lindenhurst and Bellport.

Usually by the second week of May, the weaks have finished spawning and dispersed throughout the bay in search of food. Although the majority of fish probably remain within a few miles of the inlet, such as off Ocean Beach, Kismet and in West Channel, many will venture onto the Babylon and Heckscher flats, and shallow waters of coves and river mouths on the mainland side of Great South Bay. At these locations, the fish will feed primarily at night, often consuming large quantities of grass shrimp or small baitfish such as silversides.



Weaks like these prowl shorelines during the midnight hours.

It is the silversides on which I count to attract, tempt and hold the weaks. These slight, frail, silvery fish will often congregate around bulkheads, jetties and coves, especially when there is a street lamp to shed a little light on the water. The weaks, in turn, hang loosely just outside the schools of bait, often cruising the perimeter of light and quietly picking off any shiners that venture into the shadows. By using these small minnows as bait and presenting them at the surface in a natural looking manner, I have continued to catch weakfish during seasons that could best be described as dismal.

Essential to success at this game is catching a few dozen silversides and keeping them alive long enough to use. This can pose a problem at times because the schools cannot always be counted on to be available when you are ready to fish. Also, if the weaks are around the baitfish are likely to be skitterish. Any shadow cast quickly over the school will cause it to scatter and re-group further away and probably out of reach of any net. Since the weakfish are also easily spooked, it is imperative that the bait be gathered with as little commotion as possible, preferably from a school removed from the section where you intend to fish. I use a long-handled, fine mesh net to scoop the baitfish I will require.

Catching the bait, assuming you can find some, is difficult enough. Keeping it alive is even harder. The

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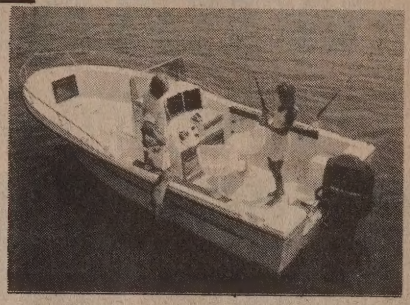

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bait fish must be immediately transferred into a waiting bucket of saltwater before they go into shock. No matter how quickly and carefully you make this transaction, there will still be some that simply sink to the bottom and die. The silversides also require a lot of oxygen, which means that you will have to change their water frequently. To cut down on the water changing, I usually place the silversides in 5 gallon bucket or large cooler filled to the brim with saltwater. Another alternative is to acquire a small battery operated aerator of the type popular with freshwater anglers. A small net, such as those used to capture fish in a fish tank, allows you to scoop the bait as it is needed.

Because the silversides are so small and frail, tiny hooks are needed to properly present your offering. My favorite style is a very small #12 Sproat or Beak. That's not a mistake in hook size; I did say #12! The hook is impaled once through the back of the baitfish just below the dorsal fin. Hooking the bait in this manner allows it to balance the weight of the hook. Placing the hook in the head or tail area causes the weakling baitfish to sink to the bottom after three or four minutes.

Use of light tackle is the only way to present the shiners naturally. I use only a light spinning outfit and 4 or 6 pound class lines. This allows me to softly lob my shiner 20 to 40 feet from the dock without killing it. Since I want the bait to appear natural, no floats, sinkers or shots are employed. The bait is simply allowed to swim unhindered as long as it stays active and near the surface. If the shiner begins to die or sink, a few light tugs of the line may give it a momentary spark. Once a bait had died or no longer has the strength to stay within three feet of the surface, remove it and try another.

Pick-ups are registered as a quick tightening of the line and 10 to 15 feet should be allowed to free spool from your reel before the barb is driven home. This will ensure that the small hook is inhaled deep enough to set securely. Because of the miniscule hooks, light tackle and weak mouth of your quarry, it should come as no surprise that I highly recommend your drag be smooth working and set lightly.

I've had my best luck with this kind of fishing under cloudy skies when the moon is least visible. I attribute this to the fact that when the moon is obscured, the baitfish school tighter in the lighted area under street lamps, etc. This, in turn, holds the weaks tighter to those locations that I like to work. Another pattern I've noticed with this fishing is that rising water usually outproduces falling or slack tides.

More important than the moon or tides, however, is fishing late at night after the wind has subsided, the boats have left the water, and dockside romantics have parked their cars for

the night. Sometimes it takes several hours after the docks have quieted down before the fish will begin to feed. Also, I should mention that each area seems to have its own optimal time for productive fishing. Usually, this involves a period of heavy feeding for an hour or so when you may be lucky enough to hook two or three fish. Figuring out which hour can be frustrating, though, and often requires several night-long vigils to determine. You can bet, however, that no matter where you fish, the magic hour will fall between 11PM and 2AM. By 3:30AM, the first hues of light far on the horizon begin to dissolve the darkness and the baitfish schools and weaks wander off to wherever it is they go during the daytime.

Although I may catch several fish on my better nights, I don't keep many of the ones I land. It's not that I don't like to eat weakfish but rather a feeling that I have about these fish. Although I can't prove it, I strongly suspect that they are homebodies, with the same fish returning each spring to the same docks and bulkheads. I may be completely off-base with this theory, but I don't want to take my chances with depleting those few fish that see fit to frequent my favorite haunts. I'll keep one or two each year, but most go back unharmed. Besides, the small hooks are easily removed and thus, fish taken via this method have a good chance of surviving if released with care.

One of the nicest aspects of this type of fishing, aside from the obvious solitude and possible weaks, is the fact that many other species of fish also feed on the silversides. Among some of the more regular visitors are needlefish, sea robins, blowfish and cocktail blues. Each season also sees a few short striped bass—even in waters as far east as Patchogue.

From year to year, you never know just where the fish will show up. It depends to a large extent on where the wind blows the baitfish schools. Find the silversides and the weakfish will be somewhere nearby. Back in 1984, I caught several fish from 6 to 9 pounds **inside** a boat basin. You just have to feel your way around until a few productive spots have been discovered. In time, if this kind of fishing agrees with you, you'll develop a feel for where the fish should be.

Last season, the numbers of weakfish taken in Great South Bay seemed to rise slightly compared to the past several springs. Possibly, this reflected the lack of gill netting in the area now that striped bass are off limits to commercial fishermen. Maybe with a few seasons of reduced pressures, all this sneaking around at night will no longer be necessary. For now, however, it gets the job done. And if you can stand putting in the late nights and still hold into your job, who knows, you might even continue to fish during the magic hours—even if the weakfish stocks do someday rebound to more comfortable levels.

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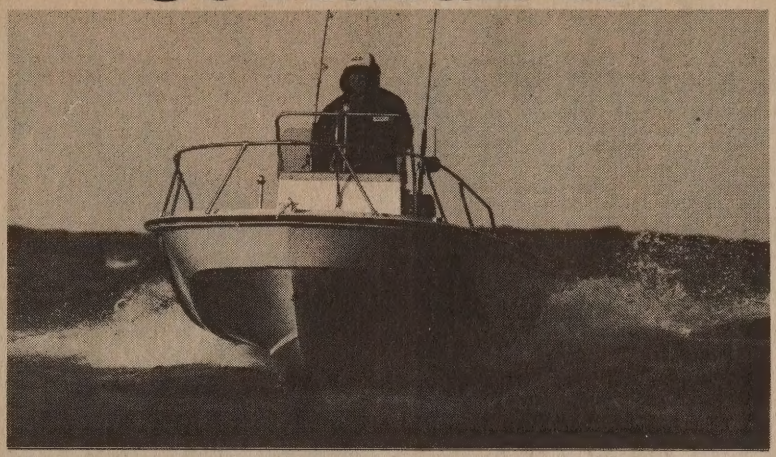

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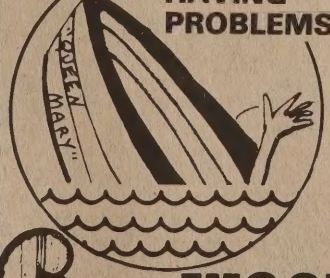

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SHRIMPING FOR WEAKS

by Dick Mermon

Shrimp are one of the most common crustaceans found in both fresh and salt water. No river, lake, ocean, sea, or bay is without some variety of shrimp that are fed upon by inhabited or migrating fish. The Long Island bays are a temporary shelter and breeding location for two particular species, grass shrimp and sand, or harbor shrimp, also nicknamed "pin shrimp," because of their size. As tiny as they may be, one must wonder why a weakfish, or striped bass of 10 to 12 pounds would even consider chasing such a mini-bait. In fact, the system of shrimping is one of the prized springtime methods still practiced by old bay anglers to catch northern sea trout.

Should the winter be on the mild side, shrimp begin entering the bays around the end of January. In more severe weather, where there is prolonged freeze periods, they migrate during the month of February, gradually moving towards the backwaters, into small estuaries and tidal creeks. At this time of year, some anglers notice their arrival, primarily those who seek white perch in the tidal creeks and brackish water outflows. As the season shifts to spring, more shrimp migrate therein, but are still unobserved until the Franklin gulls begin feeding on them, somewhere around the first week of May. At this time, the crustaceans are in peak migration and closely pursued by weakfish forerunners.

After entering protected waters, the shrimp quickly seek shallower depths for self-preservation and egg laying. Grass shrimp settle into eel grass beds, or along their outer edges, whereas, sand shrimp favor a cleaner, hard sand type bottom, such as drainage ditches, sand bars and shallow ledges of channels, or flats. Yet it is not unique to see both species residing in mutual harmony throughout the very same locations.

Shrimp are gathered by means of specially designed hand-held, or boat towed nets. The "walking," or hand held net is constructed with two broomstick handles and a folded triangular section of 1/8 inch nylon mesh netting. To form the triangle scoop, the net is sewed together forming an extended pocket and sides attached to the poles. A 1/4 inch rope is fastened onto the stick's bottom, which prevents overstretching the net and assists in scraping bottom, forcing the shrimp to leap back into the net pocket. When used, it is held in such a manner so the triangle point is at the top and the net's wide opening is pushed in front along bottom.

The frame of a boat-towed net is constructed from 1/2 inch copper or galvanized pipe to form a 36 inch wide by 12 inch high rectangle. The netting is sewn around the entire frame, with a pocket closing at the rear, at least 24 inches in depth. To the bottom of the frame, a length of anchor chain is wired, giving the net bottom stability and protects the nylon mesh from fraying. To each corner of the frame, a single length of rope is fastened,

then all four to a tow line of the boat. The net is slowly dragged along bottom through shallow areas of sand bars, channel ledges and along the flats, avoiding submerged obstacles like rocks, mussel beds and especially horseshoe crabs.

When sufficient shrimp have been collected, an oversized wooden floating cart is used to keep them alive, or they can be placed into damp sawdust, then refrigerated for a short period of time. The cool dampness will maintain the shrimp lively for about 24 hours. Fresh bait is extremely important when fishing for weakfish, although frozen shrimp are available and can be used, the perky offerings are singled out over the dead ones. After defrosting, grass shrimp turn milky white and become buoyant; sand shrimp, on the other hand, remain the same grayish tone, but also turn soft and almost unsinkable. The mixture of newly caught shrimp with the defrosted, is satisfactory, but a total supply of live shrimp is advantageous.

A weakfish shrimper is the virtuoso in saltwater angling and probably handed down through the years and only a handful of these anglers truly retain the secret of its success. Time, tide, technique and location must be combined to produce fish. Even though sea trout earned the nickname "tiderunner," they do not relish fighting a tidal force. That is why a slow moving current is best such as a the last of an ebbing or flooding tide, and again the beginning of each. When the flow is swift, the shrimp tossed in as chum displace rapidly along the surface, away from the boat, never reaching bottom, or close to it where the fish settle at this time. However, as the water movement becomes more sluggish, the tiny morsels are able to descend enough to entice the trout upwards from their sanctuary, into the chum line.

Weakfish congregate in areas where prey is easily accessible and tidal flow subdued by an obstacle such as cut-out marsh banks, in back of sand bars, and along the channel ledges. In spring, they are rarely found in deep sectors of channels unless the area sustains a series of ridges, or inclines where they take refuge and out of a current. Channel side walls, or fringes formed by back eddies offers the greatest advantages, especially if completely out of boating traffic.

In the technique of shrimping for northern sea trout, tackle style has not changed a great deal from the era when this species dominated springtime angling in the bays. It remains within the light category with spinning being one facet that has come to life, but baitcasting and light revolving reels remain the favorite. Rods are short, burdenless and supple in action. The reels themselves have shifted from a non-star drag to the contemporary internal clutch. As for line, it is here the biggest shift has come about. Although most of the

George Combs Sr. continues to pursue weaks with the same age-old tackle and methods that produced a generation ago.

well informed baymen abide by linen line, modern weakfish anglers employ lightweight monofilament line, under 10 pound test and tie the hook directly, eliminating unnaturalness of the bait presentation.

The actual technical skill in shrimping is unsophisticated after location and tidal flow have been established. Several handfuls of the mini baits are tossed at random into the current, instituting a chum line. After 10 minutes of this free handout, the releasement eases to a few tidbits every now and then. This action charms the sea trout closer to the boat, seeking the source of the free flowing shrimp. A #1 Mustad Viking, or Eagle Claw baitholder hook is tied directly onto the line and baited with two shrimp. The first is impaled head first, pushing it onto the hook's shank, with the second bait covering the point and barb. It is then floated unrestrained outward along with a few natural mini morsels.

Weakfish strike quickly, never mouthing a bait to test, or taste it. The offering is inhaled instantly, and with such vigor that seldom is a fish not hooked. Quite often, prior to the first strike, weakfish will reveal themselves a slight distance downcurrent by plucking surface shrimp, gradually moving up into the chum line. They also have a habit of stationing themselves a certain span from the boat and remain there. When this occurs, each time a fish is hooked the distance must be remembered and only that amount of line be allowed out. When the current is so strong that a weight must be added to the line, only use a small size until the tide subsides. Too heavy a weight will force the bait downward, beyond the depth of the feeding fish.

Although soft plastic grubs, shrimp tails and worms have made springtime weakfishing almost effortless, the scheme of natural baiting with shrimp will be carried on each season by those who realize the effort is well worth it.

BUCKTAILS AND STREAMERS FOR TROPHY TROUT

by Jim Campbell

Trout fishing can be done in many ways, such as with worms or spinners for bait, spin casting with lures or spinners and artificials. Using artificials, dry or wet flies and bucktails or streamers of many variations works well also.

Fishing for trout with artificials can be a rewarding way to catch this much prized fish. Selections of your fly, imitation or replica or a natural bait, or even one tied by you makes it all the more rewarding wnen brought to the net.

Brook, brown and rainbow trout will all feed on insect life and as predators on any smaller fish in stream, pond or lakes. Many times larger trout will feed mainly on fry if there is an abundance of these bait fish available.

Once trout start feeding on the smaller fry it is difficult to get them to take anything other than live bait. This is when bucktails and streamers come into their own. Resembling any number of bait fish they account for more bigger fish than nearly any other method of trout fishing.

Bucktails are tied using longer hair from the deer's tail, hence the name. Color can make a difference on any given day as in dark or bright days and clear or muddy water can affect a fish's abiltiy to see your lure.

In addition, silver or gold tinsel is wrapped on the body and reflects light to attract fish. There is also "mylar," a highly reflective material that has been used to enhance the light available, attracting fish with a lot of success.

Use of hackle and wing feathers from various birds on streamers adds a lifelike action to a lure that many fish find irresistible. Many patterns are tied using the same materials called for since they were first found to catch fish. Streamers can be called pretty bucktails, due to their feathers, hackle dressing of various materials to give greater real live action to them. For all this they work very well catching their share of fish.

Most important, we believe, is the way a bucktail or streamer is worked. It should give an action resembling a bait fish swimming by a trout's lair or feeding station—where a trout will strike it as soon as it sees it.

Feeding trout raising to a hatch or feeding just below the surface on larva seen by their flashing and turning are taking insect life near or off the bottom. A bucktail or streamer presented to them will, in many cases, take that fish.

A trout's food capacity can be astounding, from tiny insects to bait fish that are nearly as large as they are, or at least as big as their stomachs. When feeding they ingest nearly anything that comes along. Yet, at times, they can be selective or seemingly finicky as to what they will take.

We have taken trout when their stomachs were so full it would be hard to imagine them being able to get any more food down. Yet, on other occasions they had no food in the

Nice brook trout taken on a streamer in early spring by the author.

pouch at all. It makes one wonder what triggers a trout to feed, when and how much they will take. That is, however, what it takes to fill fly boxes.

When retrieving a bucktail or streamer you may have a fish swirl, that is, turn in front of your lure and foul hook them. In fast water, a foul hooked fish in the back or tail can feel like a giant. With the broadside of its body creating tremendous drag to the water, it will feel like the granddaddy of all trout until you see it.

Other times fish will come after your bucktail or streamer and hit it short. That is, just grab it, not striking and invariably will be a missed fish. One way to remedy that on days when they hit short is to use a stinger hook. Tie a tandem hook, reverse the throat, face it up and snell it to the longer shank bucktail or streamer, dress off as you would a regular fly. Many salmon flies have this feature, this is just a smaller variation and works well.

There are two basic retrieves that we use: one is a dead drift, the other sharp, short, darting action by stripping line through the guides with a sharp wrist pull. Vary the speed of retrieve until the right action is found as it can change from day to day.

Impart a short extra motion of your bucktail or streamer by flipping your rod tip up or sideways depending on how you are facing and your drift and keep the rod tip pointed at your lure for ease of stripping line. It will also stop a bamboo rod from taking a set if you fish it hard and long this way. Glass or graphite or combinations of these do not pose that problem.

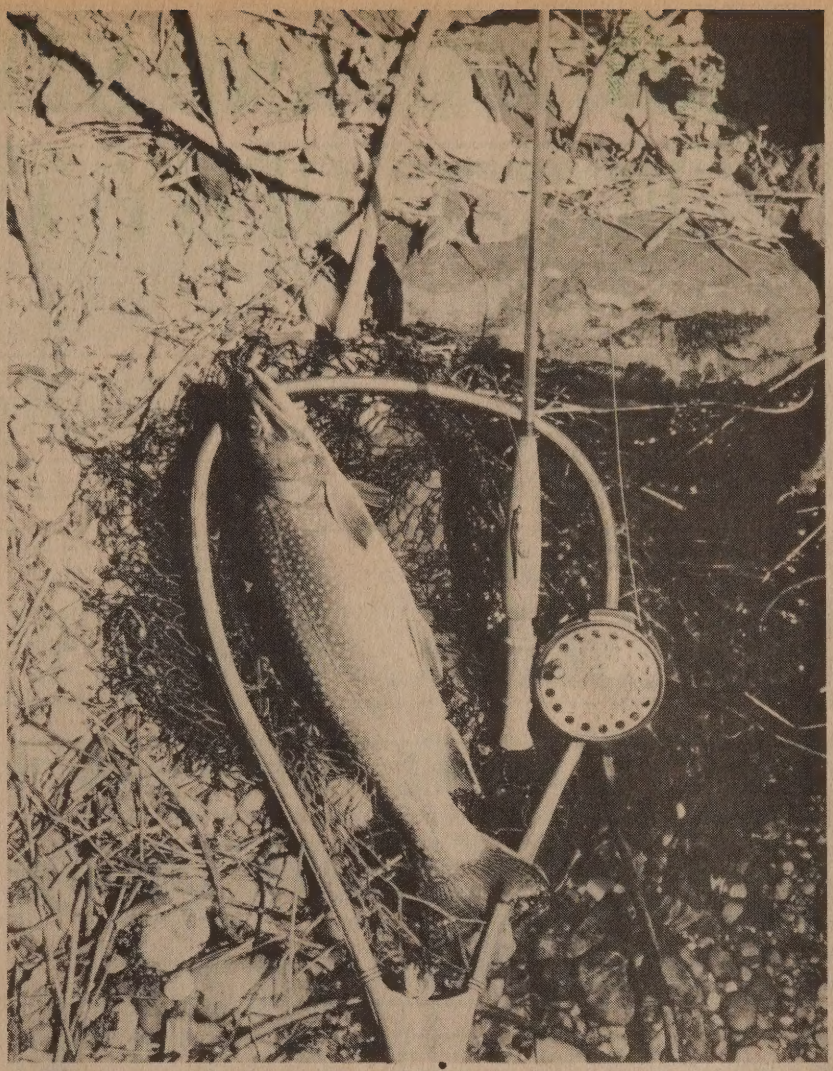
Lines can be a level taper and fairly heavy, to get a good action and cast well or one of the new sinking lines, a full sinking line or sinking tip. These new lines will help you to cast farther with less effort on large bodies of water, a sinking tip and leader makes for easy casting.

We used a level line for years before we could afford a tapered line and wore the guides down so fine that they shaved the enamel finish off our new line. When fished in high water with weight to get down it puts a strain on your rod and wears guides down.

Leaders should be no lighter than 3 lbs. in late spring or early summer as lighter tippets will part if you strike hard. In early season and high water we find 6 lb. as ideal, then lighten up as the water lowers and clears.

Size of hook and style, straight eye, turned down eye, etc., are a matter of preference and how you are going to fish. We find size 10 or 12 with a few 14s will cover most of New Jersey streams, but if you are apt to go to lakes a larger fly may be called for.

Several good patterns in each style are as follows. In bucktails black nose dace, mickey finn, squirrel tail and muddler minnows. In streams the black and grey ghost, royal coachman and Matuka will get you started. Also all white, black and green marabou style will round out your bucktail and streamer book and you can add size variations and numbers as you go along.



This heavyweight brown trout fell for a streamer drifted by his hiding place. Note big spots and girth indicating he resided there for some time.

Rod length is a matter of preference; an all around rod is 6½ to 7 feet for most streams and rivers. For larger bodies of water, big streams and lakes, 8 feet will do well. Most important is to match your line to your rod so it will cast easily and get distance, if needed with a minimum of effort on your part. New rods are rated for line size and many tackle shops have a device that will measure your rod and tell you what line is recommended for it in case you don't know. You may find one size larger will cast better.

When casting via a roll cast or pick up and shooting your line using false casts to get distance, fish all holding water, overhanging brush, logs or trees and large rocks that will harbor trout. Drift your bucktail or streamer along under brush or fallen trees lying in the stream, these are ideal places for trout to lie.

Vary your drift by a twitch or your rod tip or strip some line to impart a little more action to your fly.

At times, a fast retrieve from under brush makes a trout jump on your fly. We believe the fish has to react quickly making it strike hard and fast. This is also true when in fast water. Most strikes are hard and solid with the fish practically hooking themselves. It may be that they want the bait before it gets past their feeding station. In any event, it works.

Bucktails and streamers can also be used on a spinning combo by using a few pieces of lead shot to give you some weight to cast. Be sure to check your game laws as this is not allowed on fly stretches.

Use a slow retrieve since a spinning reel has a faster retrieve than a conventional reel. Each turn retrieves more line than a regular reel per revolution.

If a trout chases a fly and doesn't strike, vary your retrieve, even drop it back or stop your retrieve to get them to strike your bucktail or streamer. If this fails, try a different color or pattern. Many times they will take an offering after repeated casts and retrieves in front of them.

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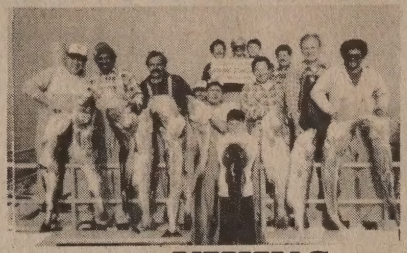

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The spring cod run continues in Montauk waters, with a great amount of cod under five pounds caught. However, over the past week, a number of cod over thirty pounds, including a cow of fifty one pounds were caught from charter boats. Mackerel have showed up off Montauk and Block Island with sand eels. Some charter boats will be searching for pollock this weekend. Flounder action is expected to pick up after the full moon this week. Stripers have been caught in the Peconics and at Montauk.

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Captain Jay Rigano brought the largest cod of the season back to **Star Island Yacht Club** on Thursday. The group on the charter boat **Lori-Jay** which included Bruce Baumblatt and Mick Barrios, a game warden from Roxberry, New York, fished an area south of Montauk. Fourty-five cod were caught with six fish weighing over thirty pounds and the largest, fifty-one pounds. We understand that the struggle lasted over a half hour on thirty pound test line. Barrios had the big one.

A group of Freeport mates enjoyed a busman's holiday last Thursday, catching sixty-two cod and a few pollock on the charter boat **Bluefin IV**. The Acres Anglers fishing club went back to Mastic with thirty-three cod, some over twenty pounds the largest fourty-eight pounds fishing on CIA on Sunday. Captain Michael Potts reports plenty of life at Montauk. Striped bass, mackerel at Cartwright, cod at CIA and south of Block Island.

Captain Paul Forsberg reports excellent cod fishing at George's Banks, since over 1,700 cod were caught on the weekend's trip which was shortened to one day's fishing so anglers could get back for Mother's Day. Largest cod was thirty pounds and a twenty-eight pound wolffish also was caught. About 200 pollock, one of fourteen pounds, were among the catch on the **Viking Starship**. There are some spots left on this Friday night's trip. Call the office for a reservation. George's Banks trips are scheduled every Monday and Friday nights.

Viking Star enjoyed decent fishing at Cox's Ledge on Saturday with some anglers catching a dozen, although the norm was four or five a man. On Sunday, anglers waiting for the **Star** were put aboard the "Marlin" when

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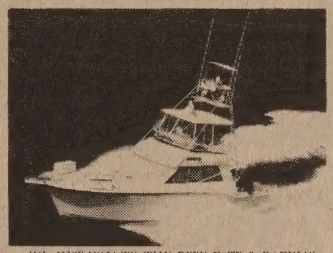

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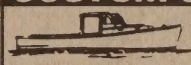

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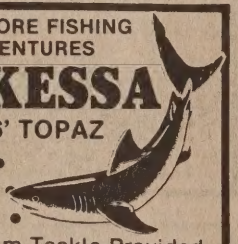

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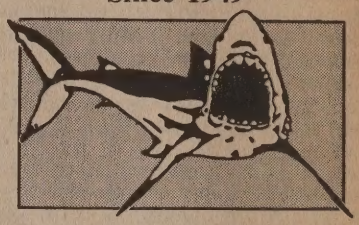

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Joan, at **Captain's Cove Marina**, related that cod and mackerel were very good the past week, with flounder holding up. Charter boats such as **Mistress Too**, **Ebbtide**, and **Joy-Sea** all enjoyed good catches of cod and mackerel fishing south of Block Island. Captain Joe McBride located a couple of dozen cod on Sunday with a group from Astoria that included Ray Diaz and Rick "the cod killer". Saturday's flounder trip was successful finding a couple of dozen flatties in the Lake. Anglers on "Against the Wind", a marina based boat, also were successful with Lake Montauk flounder.

A spokesman for the **Montauk Marine Basin** said that the cod are holding up well, since marina based charter boats are returning with two to four dozen per trip. Anglers on the

"Emme", a private boat berthed at the Basin, also located a twenty pound pollock with blackfish at Cartwright.

Captain Bill Ricca located a couple of dozen cod on both Saturday and Sunday fishing on the **Allyssa Ann**. Tom Hastings and Captain Pete Mikoleski, a **Fisherman** staffer were surprised to find some whiting mixed with the cod this time of year. Sunday's trip with Kevin Concaugh fished south of Block.

Saturday's trip on the **Julie III** with Benny Martin of New Rochelle fished Block Island waters. According to Captain Ron Grandinetti, thirty-four cod, top weight eighteen pounds were pulled aboard.

Captain Phil Lewis has been enjoying steady catches of cod fish on the **Adios**, counting two to four dozen per outing, except for a slow Saturday. Since loads of sand eels and mackerel have appeared in the past few days, Captain Lewis is now scheduling pollock trips starting this weekend. Call for information on half day striped bass trips, which will begin in late May.

Captain Mike Albronda reports fair fishing on the charter boat **Montauk** with fourty-nine cod the best catch of the week, the largest cod twenty-nine pounds. Captain Mike noted the arrival of a load of stripers on the beach this weekend, with some anglers catching as many as a half dozen in an hour.

Carol Skoglund with his friends Tommy Longo and Bobby Musser trailored their twenty-one foot outboard to Montauk for a few days of flounder catching last Tuesday and Wednesday, enjoying a good catch of flounder in the Lake both days. Skoglund noted that best action on both days was the incoming tide in the afternoon. The trio made an exploratory trip to Tobaccolot Bay and Promised Land, catching nothing, and noted that other anglers were reporting slim pickings.

Captain Jack Passie, of the charter boat **Windy**, sailed his first trips of the season this weekend. On Saturday, fourty-five cod were caught fishing south of Block Island with Manny Hughes and his grandson, Jake. The youngster hooked into and handled the largest cod, a twenty pounder. A three and a half pound flounder, plus some mackerel, rounded out the catch. Sunday's charter with the Campbell's searched fruitlessly for snowshoes in the Promised Land/Gardiner's area all morning. After trying the lake, in vain, Captain Passie decided to give the area around the Bell Buoy a shot and lucked out with thirty flounder. Although most averaged one to two pounds, a true doormat of three and a half pounds was put into the fish box.

A chat with Henry Uihlein revealed that the wild flounder action which took place deep in Lake Montauk last week has slowed up, apparently because the flounder are migrating

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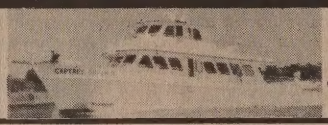

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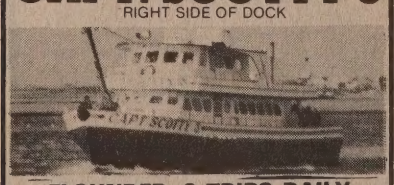

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Flounder action has been fairly good on the **Lazybones** on her half day trips, with action picking up with good weather. Fishing action was excellent in the Lake on Sunday, while on Saturday, best catches were outside near the Bell Buoy.

TJ from **Gone Fishing Marina** filled us in on the catches of a few charter boats. Captain Bob Storc fished with Tom and Mike Herts on Friday morning on the **Caprice**. Several dozen cod were caught off Block Island. They then enjoyed a good pick of flounder in Lake Montauk before heading for the dock.

TJ also reported on a great cod catch on the charter boat **Blue Moon**. The trip, arranged by George Martensen, accounted for fifty cod, with twenty of the fish weighing twenty or more pounds, the largest exactly 41.3 pounds on the scale. Credit should be given to the mate, Pete, and the use of "Marie L Tasty Bait" (ask TJ about that one!).

Report of a decent catch from Tobaccolot came from the "Francesca" who returned to **Gone Fishing** with twenty-one flounder, all in the two to three pound range on Saturday.

SOUTH FORK

Some good catches of flounder have been made in both Shinnecock and the Peconic Bays in very clear water. Plenty of mackerel caught last week by fellows interested in shark and tuna baits. Encouraging news on hook and line weak fish came on the weekend.

A skiff rented from **Bayview Marine and Tackle**, returned with over four dozen flounder on Saturday. Ronnie Dacko, Phil Rivera, Robert Jigilo and Bob Nicoli fished at Mashomack Point using mussels and sandworms. Best action took place on the incoming tide. Chris Salb, heard of a few weak fish caught, however didn't see them himself. Several anglers reported catching short bass, to thirty inches, while trolling tubes.

Captain Artie Lach reported continued good floundering on the **Wilhelric II** last week, fishing Long Island Sound (Petty's Bight, Orient). Some scores include Wednesday's catch of thirty-nine flounder by Doc Klein of Noyac, over 200 flounder by Thursday's group. On Saturday, most anglers counted ten to fifteen fish in their buckets, but Dave from New York City managed thirty. Sunday

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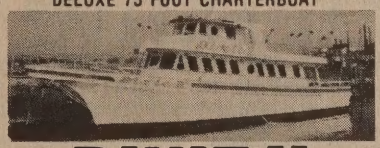

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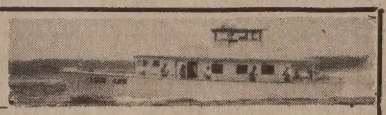

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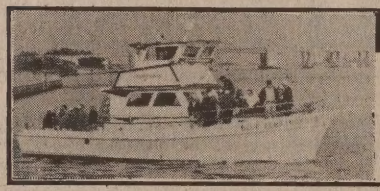

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action slowed a bit. Captain Lach asked us to inform customers that all tickets are sold for May 19th.

Wilhelric II is now weakfishing every night at 7pm, except Sunday and Monday, fishing flounder daily at 7am. Reports have come in of thousands of pounds of weakfish caught in Peconic and Shinnecock nets, along with a few early bluefish, the past week.

Thom Speckenback reports a lot of mackerel out of Shinnecock Inlet last week by those who got out before southwest winds kicked up. Walter B and his friend Carl Licht caught twenty-nine flounder in two days of fishing Promised Land/Tabaccolot, however Carl's biggest weighed two pounds fourteen ounces on the scale at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. A two pound twelve ounce flattie was brought in by Louis Potera, reportedly caught at Promised Land. While many are trying for snowshoe flounder, average catches seem to be from four to twenty fish per trip. Some small weaks were reported from South Ferry in the Peconics, however, weakfishing was generally slow on the weekend.

Al Flexer fished at night at the Shinnecock Canal from Wednesday through Saturday, testing his new **Al Feather's Night Glow Jigs** with his friend, Al Siegal. While no weakfish were caught, the pair caught some keeper fluke each night. Walter Kowal Junior jigged two fluke on a white feather jig. Al reported a bluefish, about seven pounds, caught in the canal by "Bucktail" John.

Ron Arcate, new owner of the **Mariner's Cove** at the Shinnecock Canal informs us that the gas dock is now open. A new launch ramp for trailored boats has been installed and is open, and a few slips are available for summer dockage. On the fishing scene, a few fluke reported at the Canal, mackerel catches improved on the weekend.

Bill Hichak and his son, Billy Junior tried some new spots in Shinnecock Bay on Wednesday, and finding slim pickings, returned to their tried and true spot at Heady Creek for thirty flatties in the afternoon. On the "Alamar", berthed at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in **Southampton**, Louis Manikow, Jay Kalowoski and Elliot Reimer first tried for weaks on Saturday in the Peconics. Since fishing was slow (only one five pound bass was caught and released), the group decided to go for mackerel, catching about 100 macks in short order in about 100 feet of water in the ocean.

Ted at **Three Aces Fishing Center** in **Hampton Bays** reported a variety of fishing from mackerel in ninety feet of water in the ocean to small blues in Shinnecock Bay as noted by commercial men. A few weakfish have been caught on rod and reel in the Peconics, as many as a dozen by one angler who was drifting squid/sand worm combo, while artificial baits caught very few. Good flounder catches continue to be made at Buoy 20 in Shinnecock Bay in very clear water with incoming tide best. Regulars find no problem in filling two spackle buckets per trip. Some flatties weighed in this week's store contest include Sweed Nelson's flounder of 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 pounds, while Ted Nelson (no relation) weighed flatties of 2.6 and 2.8 pounds.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Flounder fishing provided some of its best moments this past week, but interest in the flatties is beginning to receive some stiff competition from newly arriving species. Weakfish are foremost in the minds of many anglers and most were disappointed by the tiderunners on the weekend. While a few fish were likely landed, only one documented catch made it into our report. Lest you be discouraged, looking back over reports

from the past few seasons revealed no substantial weakfish catches made until after the tenth of May. Several anglers reported marking good concentrations of weaks in their usual spring haunts, but the fish lacked appetites. Bluefish have invaded Great South Bay with a good showing of the fish taking place late Sunday. The number of fluke being taken by those intent on weakfish and flounder continues to increase and this weekend should see the first decent targeted catches of fluke. Many boatmen got their fill of mackerel on the weekend with the fish most heavily concentrated from the NA buoy on east. In all likelihood, the fish will be well out of range by the weekend as there are no concentrations of fish to the west of Fire Island Inlet. And last, but not least, there appear to be a fair number of blackfish around, though angler interest to this point has been minimal.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Mackerel were chock-a-block south of Moriches Inlet according to Dave on the Day One. He reported many boats loading up on macks anywhere from 60 to 100 feet of water due south of the inlet. All were big Bostons. There was plenty of good flounder fishing in Moriches Bay this week for those who chummed heavily and caught the right tide.

Gary Grunsich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches emphasized the importance of location and tide concerning the current flounder action. He suggested working the flats from buoy 41 into Havens Point on incoming tide and on outgoing water, work the deeper depths between buoys 33 and 39. Best fishing on the weekend occurred in the afternoon between 2 and 4PM. On Friday, Ken Dinkel and Phil Kelly returned to the station with 50 flatties, all in the 1 to 2½ lb. range. They fished the Havens Point area. On Saturday, Joe Sander single-handedly put away 45 flatties at buoy 41. Gary added that lots of chum is important when working the flats.

Phil Sepulveda at **L&M Fishing Station** in East Moriches spoke of some flatfish action at buoy 39, but called the weekend generally slow as a result of Mother's Day and a pretty good breeze on Saturday. He did note that more and more fluke are showing each day.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

While Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** had no weakfish weighins to report, he did hear from several anglers that they witnessed fish landed by other boats. Paul did know of an influx of 2-4 pound bluefish which swept through the weakfish grounds late Sunday. The fish ranged from the lighthouse area down through Ocean Beach. Flounder fishing enjoyed some of its best moments of the season this week according to Paul. Many customers reported doing a fine job on the flatties in Moriches Bay. Eddie Demar and his brother took 35 big flatties at Buoy 29 in Moriches Bay. On Saturday, Tom and Steve Messineo counted 25 big flounder at Buoy 27. Jess Walker, Lou Kron and Sam DiPietro stopped long enough to take 25 flatties in Moriches Bay before heading offshore to add 75 mackerel to the box. The macks were taken in 75 feet of water south of the Inlet. Boats that got an early start on the mackerel really did a job. Frank Horsch, Bill Batkin and Pat Coveney loaded 350 mackerel into the cockpit of the 'Happy Hooker' on Sunday. They found the fish 6 miles southeast of Moriches Inlet. Locally, the flounder action has moved to the inlet area. Still some small flounder and stripers being taken on worms from the Patchogue and Blue Point Docks and the Patchogue sand spit. Two regulars returned from the sand spit one day this week with 23 flatties. Half were returned.

Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** had some reports of good flounder fishing along South Beach and at the Sore Thumb. On Saturday, Mike Feire and his 7-year-old son Adam along with Pete Konier took 19 flatties from 1 to 1.5 pounds near the Lighthouse. They also returned a dozen fish. Dave knew of some good mackerel catches all taken in the vicinity of the NA Buoy on Saturday. The fish were east of the NA Buoy on Sunday. No weaks weighed in this week but plenty of guys trying and rumors of fish caught continue to filter in.

From **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle**, John Albanese told of weighing an 8 pound weak on Friday for an angler who preferred anonymity. The weak was taken near West Island on a sandworm. Al Hanson worked the turn of the tide at the Sore Thumb on Saturday and put away 20 flatties. John reported that East Islip Anglers' Club member Al Guthrie failed on his quest for a weakfish on Friday but did return with a keeper fluke. John also had reports of bluefish working the surface under the Robert Moses Bridge Thursday afternoon. A few other weaks were reported but not weighed.

Over at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**, Jim Romano reported weighing the biggest weak that came to our attention this week. Walter Kuszelewicz drifted a sandworm in West Channel Friday evening to take a 12.2 pound tiderunner. The fish was taken on incoming water. On Saturday Fred Deutsch and crew aboard 'Chili Pepper' counted 270 macks for their efforts near the NA Buoy. Jim joined John Cavanaugh on Sunday and found the fish scattered at the Buoy. Good catches were made to the east however. They saved the day by making a quick stop at the Sore Thumb. They were in time to catch the low water turn and in short order put away 2 dozen flatties.

"A good flounder weekend" according to Carl Miller at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore**. One customer returned with the nicest catch the tackle man had seen all season. He singlehandedly put 50 good sized flatties into the box working the State Channel. The fish ranged from ¾ to 1¾ pounds. The private boat 'Empty Pockets' accounted for a catch of 40 flatties at the Sore Thumb on Saturday. Carl knew of at least one caster who has been doing a good job on the same body of fish from the Oak Beach shore. Concerning weakfish, Carl had it from a reliable source that two members of the Bay Shore Tuna Club accounted for weaks of 10 and 12 pounds near West Island on the weekend. Plenty of weakfishermen reporting encounters with bluefish. Some blackfish to 6 pounds reported at the Sore Thumb on Saturday and the best of the mackerel fishing on the weekend was 5 to 10 miles east of the NA Buoy. On Sunday especially, smaller tinker mackerel rather than big Bostons were concentrated at the Buoy. One guy who ran to the San Diego looking for mackerel wound up jigging 10 pollock in the 6 to 7 pound class.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** spoke of good flounder fishing all week long and through the weekend. On Saturday, Violet Gallo led all scores with 21 flatties. On Sunday Joe Bonano had 30. Big John had 19 flatties but topped off his catch with a 10.6 pound blackfish. Neil said that Sunday's fish were generally larger than on Saturday with most running from 1 to 1½ pounds. Neil has been working the State Channel, Snake Hill Channel, West Channel and the WR Buoy. Some time next week, he expects to mix some fluke fishing in with the flounder.

Over at **Captree**, party boat fares enjoyed some excellent mackerel fishing, some of the best flounder fishing of the spring and got their first taste of evening weakfish trips. While no weaks were reported landed, Sunday evening saw a good shot of bluefish keep anglers busy.

Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported some good flounder catches along South Beach and at the Sore Thumb with fast action taking place at the turn of the tide. Some flatties also being caught at the Robert Moses and the Captree Overlook Piers. Shore anglers continue to take some blacks at the north end of the Robert Moses Bridge, the old site of the Construction Dock and the Sore Thumb. Noel knew that the open boat Miss Captree got in on the bluefish action Sunday evening and also heard that they dropped a few weakfish as well. Mackerel fishing was very good on the weekend with

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Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** said that flounder fishing went from good to very good this week with South Beach, the Lighthouse and the Sore Thumb all producing fish. Best action was on the last of the ebb tide. Saturday saw ideal conditions for drifting on the mussel beds near the Lighthouse. The result was over 600 flatties from ¾ to 2 pounds taken by fares. Andy Gump counted 37 including 7 over 1½ pounds. Tony Evans and Jerry Bottum combined for 49 while Jim Klein finished with 24. Sunday saw good fishing in the same area.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported good flounder fishing Thursday, Friday and on the weekend. Sunday was the slowest of the four days but still produced okay action. George asked that we remind customers that he will be in the shipyard during the week but should be back in action for Friday night or Saturday morning. Flounder Derby pool is up to $230 and weakfish trips have yet to produce a tiderunner.

Capt. Bob Schwartz of the **Captree** charter boat **Blue Albatross** fished a group from Orlandi Bros. Packaging on Saturday. He worked West Gilgo in the morning and then shifted over to South Beach in the afternoon. The group finished with about 100 flatties with Larry Zahler taking the pool with a 1½ pounder.

From George over at **Babylon Fishing Station**, we heard that Pete Nowinski and his 'Miss Ellie' returned from the Skippy Wreck with a fine catch of cod on Saturday. Ray Seagren, Joe Braun and Ernie Southern helped Pete put 34 cod from 5 to 7 pounds, two blackfish and a couple of ling into the box. George also had reports of good flounder fishing at the Sore Thumb, West Channel and the State Channel on the weekend. Mackerel were east of the NA Buoy and moving with many boatmen racking up heavy scores on the weekend. George added that he has yet to see a weak but continues to hear a lot of weakfish talk.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** said that flounder fishing improved again this week with good fishing on both Friday and Saturday. On Friday's trip, Joe, Tony and Eric teamed to take 75 flatties. Fishing was done in the State Channel from Babylon to Gilgo. On Saturday, 25 fares accounted for over 300 flatties in the vicinity of the Lighthouse.

John Gattuso, speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon reported that the charter boat **Ida Jean** loaded up on mackerel on Saturday fishing SE of the NA buoy in 125 feet of water. He spoke of some pretty good flounder fishing on the weekend at the Sore Thumb, along South Beach and in the State Channel. John did have a weakfish put on the scale Thursday by a Mr. Kessler. It was taken near West Island and 2 other fish were reported dropped. The tiderunner weighed 8¼ lbs. on the shop's scale.

Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** looked over a catch of 20 flatties made in Massapequa Cove by Joe Lubrano, his son Nick and his dad Ciro. The trio also had a pair of fluke including one of 16 inches. On Friday, Gary and John put away 30 flatties to 1½ lbs. fishing in 4 feet of water south of Good Samaritan Hospital on the south side of the bay. Mackerel were taken from the NA buoy east but the best catches Sunday made 5 to 10 miles east of the buoy. A fair number of blackfish mixing with flounder catches and a few weaks reported but none officially weighed. Quite a few school bass now settled into the state channel.

Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** said that many boatmen cashed in big on the mackerel this weekend. Those who worked east of the NA buoy had the biggest catches. It was a very good week for flounder with one of the better catches of the season reported on Friday. Elenie Underhill, Nick Dicico and Pat and Dudley Brit combined to put away 86 flounder up to 2¾ lbs. in the state channel at Tobay. Randy Pearsall put 36 flatties aboard his Violator at the Amity Cut on Thursday. Glen, Frank and Al on the Easy Rider accounted for 49 flatties up to 2¾ lbs. at Gilgo on Thursday. Friday saw Larry and Elaine Davidson take 19 flounder at the Sore Thumb, while Ben See opted for Squaw Island where he totaled 48 flatties. There have been some good catches of blackfish made on the Tea Wreck and the Rota Wreck with an 11 lb. tog rumored to have been taken by a shore caster at the Sore Thumb. Some blacks also on the Kismet Reef. A reminder that Charlie's is well stocked with both fiddler and green crabs.

Chester Shew at **Z-Crab Tackle** in Copiague said that a few weaks have been reported, but he has yet to weigh a fish. Still some good flounder fishing in the state channel and some good sized fish among them. This was

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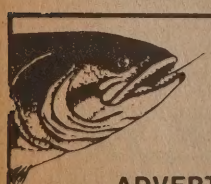

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aptly demonstrated as we spoke on Monday morning by Gary Werner who stopped to weigh a 2.15 lb. flattie taken in the state channel on a blood worm. Many boatmen spent the weekend chasing mackerel. Charlie Bono and Dave Campo put 250 macks into the box of the Big Deal on Friday. They fished near the NA buoy. On Saturday, Mike Garraputo and Jeff Buta counted 73 macks fishing in the same area. A couple of good cod catches reported from offshore wrecks. On Wednesday, Joe Braun's Won Son returned from the San Diego with 45 cod in the 8 to 16 lb. class. On Thursday, Fred Hagermeyer, Al Smith and Ralph Lennon stopped to show 17 cod from 4 to 6 lbs. culled from the remains of the Oregon. Clam baits accounted for both catches.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor said that the private boats Tin Man II, Cindy Ann II, Lady Marion and Caty's Too all loaded up on mackerel on the weekend, with the best of the action occurring in the morning and in the vicinity of the NA buoy. Flounder fishing in the state channel was very good on Friday with both the Easy Rider and the Reel Affair loading up in the state channel. Bob reported that several customers left the shop with fluke bait but none reported back with their results.

Frank Pristera at **Edelman's** in Farmingdale said that the mackerel had moved east of the NA buoy by Sunday. Some guys loaded up while others settled for catches of 50 or so fish. The Rum and Coke counted 200 macks on Saturday and 300 more on Sunday. Frank knew that a Jones Inlet boat had trolled 2 small blues at Cholera on Saturday. Other boatmen reported blues picked from beneath the mackerel schools. Rich Mouton had 19 flounder near the Robert Moses bridge late Saturday. Also on Saturday, Bill Biscardi and Joe paradiso filled a 48 qt. Igloo with flatties in the Squaw Island area. A reminder from Frank that the early entry deadline for Edelman's Fire Island Open Tournament is Friday, May 15th.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

We finally got our break in the weather and this appears to be the big turnaround, with a lot of people fishing several species and a lot of very good catches to spectacular catches being the result, with more to come. Flounder increased quite a bit, dynamite mackerel catches have been had, but with the main schools apparently now headed too far east for the local boats to pursue. Scattered catches of bluefish, weaks,

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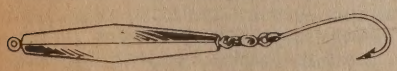

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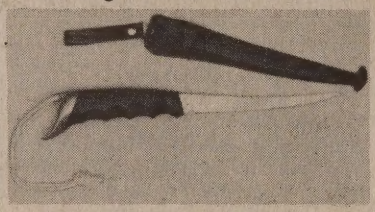

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fluke are being had, while blackfishing continues to be a decent item at the bridges. Inshore wrecks are yielding very good catches of ling and whiting, a few cod and a few blackfish.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Over in Seaford, we learn from **Wanser's Tackle** of very good flounder catches for customers at Four Corners, Zachs Bay, Black Banks and Haunts Creek. A good showing of blackfish at Big M and there were loads of mackerel outside all week, said Lon.

Lots of fish brought in, reports Joe of **Kim's Reef Fishing Station**, skiffs returning with anywhere from 40 to 150 fish per skiff, flounder, fluke and blackfish. Best areas have been Florence Beach, east and west sides of Massapequa Cove, the 3rd Wantagh area and buoys 13, 14 and 15 at Bulkhead Drain. Blacks have been going to 4½ pounds.

At **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh, Mike tells of flounder action being fair to good this past week, boats averaging 10 to 25 fish per. Flatties have been mostly keepers with best areas being Merrick, Four Corners, Ft. Neck Point and on Sunday, the 3rd Wantagh on outgoing. Sunday saw Bruce, Don and two pals boat 150 flounder to 2 lbs. using bloods and heavy mussel chumming behind Seaford. Blackfishing on the weekend was good with fish large, though not numerous. Third Wantagh and Big M were productive with fish 1 to 3 lbs. on fiddlers at slack. Saturday on the Fulton's Folly, 30 blackfish up to 5 lbs. and a half dozen ling were caught on productive pieces of bottom off Atlantic Beach. Wreck action has been okay as to sea bass, blacks, ling and a few cod. Mackerel were good on the weekend in 80 to 110 feet of water due south of Cholera. Lynn Sorensen bagged a 5 lb. black on clam bait fishing from a Bayville beach.

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore had customers reporting good flounder catches at the 3rd Wantagh and Black Banks on worm and clam. Fish were mixed sizes. Blackfishing has been a good item at the bridges, said Scott at slack.

At **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick when we called on Monday AM, Gary was hearing on the radio of mackerel being bailed at Angler Banks. Larry Jarrach and Randy Smith bailed 20 big flounder Thursday at the 3rd Wantagh on worm and mussel on the last of incoming using plenty of chum. Good blackfishing at the Wantagh bridges. A few stray fluke being picked in the inlet.

Sailing out of Freeport, the **Lady J Fleet** found a lot better flounder fishing towards the end of the week as the water warmed and settled down. Fish ran from 1/2 to 2 lbs. on clam, worm

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and mussel, with the Merrick/Freeport areas best. Mackerel trips had been very productive during the week, while ling and blackfish obliged on inshore wrecks. Trips were sailed this week for the 109th Precinct, Queens, Farmingdale Fire Dept., and the James Walsh party.

A call from the charter boat **Corsair** told of Saturday's trip for the Mike Holder group on local wrecks. Coming over the sides were lots of conger eels (which are very good eating), a couple of stray cod and loads of blackfish to 8 lbs. plus a lot of ling.

A call from the **Captain Lou Fleet** told of tremendously improved flounder ing, with the full day boat having high hooks in the 30s, fish to 3 lbs. Sunday saw Mike Carcanski with 35, Frank Caruso teaming up with Paul Nytray for 50 fish. The skipper says the water temperature has reached 59 degrees and the fish are active and hungry. Catches are also up on the half day boat with high hooks in the teens running to 3 lbs., with a lot of big fish seen. Mike says he has lots of choice charter dates open for the **Captain Lou III**.

Aboard Captain Frank Rizzo's **Jennifer B** this week, Wednesday saw fair catches of flounder, a rebound from Monday and Tuesday's rain and wind. Thursday really bounced back. Tony Zizzimia of Floral Park had a 2 lb. pool fish. Friday's action was excellent with 9 fares in the AM hoisting 75 nice flounder. Spencer Thomas of Freeport had the 2¼ lb. pool fish. The PM trip was super with 11 fares taking 194 flounder, pool going to Steady Teddy Carpluk of Astoria with a 2½ lber. Saturday John Smith of Freeport had a 2¼ lb. pool winner. Big fish on the boat was a 3 lb. 2 oz. specimen which was not in the pool. On the PM trip, Charlie Young of Freeport was high hook with 10 fish to 1¾ lbs. Cat Mastrobuoni of Flushing took the pool with a 2 lber. Sunday's high hook in the AM was Fred Scarduzio with seven. Regular Ron Scarduzio took the pool with a 2 lb. fish. On the PM trip, Teresa Catino of Freeport had a 2½ lber. Worm-mussel combos worked best and catches are getting better everyday.

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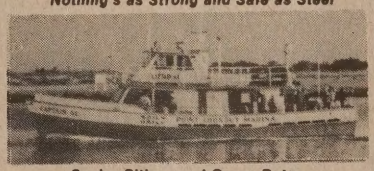

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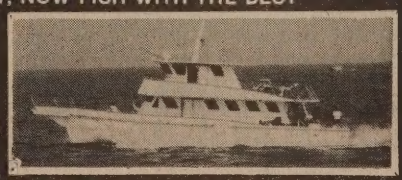

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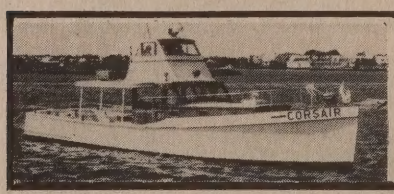

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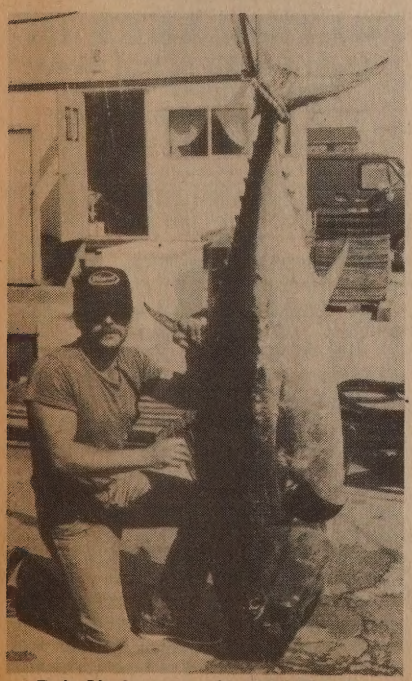

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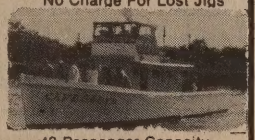

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Aboard the **Blue Fin Fleet** the skipper reported the best flounder week of the season so far, with each day better than the last, all action local and fish to 2½ lbs. Monday, a 2 lber. took the pool for Ed Sinram, while high hook was Joe Strak, both of NYPD. Wednesday saw Pete Genna with a 2 lb. pool fish and Willie Thrower with high hook of 19, both anglers of Con Ed. Friday's flattie action was excellent for IBM with Chet Duncan bagging a 2½ lber. and Jim Thompson high hook with 26. All fish ran 3/4 to 2 ½ lbs. Saturday's trip for K of C had Nick Terracuso with a 2 lber. and also high hook with 18 fish. Hanover Bank's Bill Sapienza had a 2 lber., while Charlie Azzara bagged 23 flatties for high hook honors. The skipper said the flounder ing has opened up and he will be staying with them into June. He also noted that heavy chumming was the key to good catches.

JR at **Sea Isle** talked of good blackfishing at the Big M on fiddlers. Small blues and some weakfish taken on bait and plugs off the west end and Long Beach beaches. Swift Creek and Big M area saw catches of 22 and 30 flounder each for two good customers.

Ronnie Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** noted that the mackerel have just about left the area, but that blues have moved in along the beaches and at Jones Inlet. A few fluke are being taken here and there, but mostly spotty. Flounder catches have been excellent for those who know what they're doing. As an example, Vic Pastor and Barney Palmieri on Saturday had 83 flounder and 91 on Sunday. John Sako Sr. and Jr. had 67 Saturday to 2 lbs. 6 oz. Both of these catches were made east of the Wantagh bridges. Lots of 2 lb. fish said Ronnie. The private boat Lenore also had a lot of flounder on the weekend. He also heard of a few weaks taken in Swift on flounder rigs. Fair blackfishing at the bridges, but slow at wrecks. The wrecks, however, have been holding a lot of whiting and ling. Don't forget the Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament which will be held June 20th. Call Hudson Point Fishing Station for info and registration.

From **Freeport Boatmen's Association** comes word that the **Super Spray II** is beginning its 2 trip a day fluke fishing, having wrapped up a very strong mackerel season. The Associations charter boats had very good flounder catches right through Saturday fishing the inlet, Swift, Short Beach Coast Guard and the Wantagh bridge areas to name a few. Ocean bottom produced mixed bags at Cholera of blacks, a few cod and a lot of ling.

Over at Point Lookout, the half day boat **Night Hawk** called Thursday and Friday's flounder action excellent, especially the AM trips. On Thursday Bob Baker had 56 as a total for both trips. Friday AM Paul Scher took the pool with a 3 lb. fluke. Ed House and Paul had 37 together Friday AM. Saturday's mackerel charter saw Jamie Greco with 94, Cole Superina with 80, Namsik Kim with 87. Action was 1 hr. 15 mins. SE of Jones. Back to flounder, Sunday AM was good, high hook Artie hunstein with 18 and the pool fish a 2 lb. 4 oz. for Kurt Hessel of Hamburg, West Germany. Outgoing water was best and there are signs that the flattie action will be getting super. Best action has been from Reynolds to Swift Creek. Rough- a dozen short fluke are being caught each day.

Just fabulous mackerel catches, said skipper Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al**. Saturday especially, catches were dynamite. Sunday was still good, with catches in flurries, still 50 to 100 fish a man. A 7 lb. bluefish was an interesting bonus on Sunday. Blues have been showing up in many areas in ones and twos, an indication of things to come. Wednesday and Thursday's mackerel action was very good, with Friday and Saturday super.

On the charter boat **Marie III**, Saturday's trip for the Leroy King group enjoyed great ling, blacks and sea bass action on a local wreck with over 500 fish being caught, 70 percent of which were ling to 4 lbs. Blackfish went to 5 lbs. and sea bass went to 2 lbs.

On the **Miss Point Lookout II** Monday and Tuesday were weathered out. Wednesday AM saw regular Joe take the AM and PM pools. On the PM trip, Bill S had 22 flounder with over 350 fish taken that afternoon. Thursday's AM trip saw a few fish caught with the PM trip being very good with roughly 290 fish caught. Dr Pat Macurie of Pt. Lookout had 15. Friday's AM trip was "so-so," but the PM trip was strong with 270 caught. Pete Cary and Frank Lamont of Massapequa had 30. A 2 lber. took the pool. J. Feinberg of Commack had 15 to 2 lbs., Diane Mathis of Far Rockaway, 13, William Corberry of Freeport 11, Myron the Exterminator of the Bronx, 12, Sid Kornin of Massapequa 24, and Rita Bonner, Bayside 13. Saturday AM saw Charlie Mizzetta with a 2¾ lb. pool fish and in the PM Bob Premosch with a 2¼ lber. Sunday Nicole Soracy, age 7 had her first flounder ever. The pool went to regular Mark Ackereicen with a 1¾

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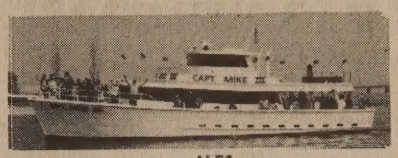

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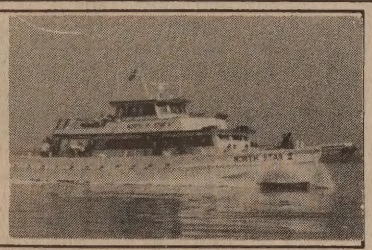

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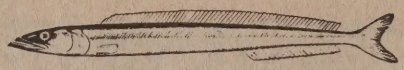

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From **Scottie's Fishing Station** we learn that Saturday Arlene Barrett bagged a 3½ lb. flounder on incoming while Jenny and Mark Scher had 8 keeper fluke drifting squid and killies in Reynolds Channel in front of the station. John Stillingwef, Lynn Wolek and John Wyler totaled 46 flounder fishing mussels at buoy 17 Thursday. Scott Schaefer and family on Sunday totaled 47 flatties in Swift on worms.

Bill at **Ed's Fishing Station** told of George Gruber and Mike Sposito of Babylon taking 55 flounder Sunday in Fundy Bay on bloods and mussel chum. Tom Tortorvcci and Tom Contino bagged 50 macks in 110 feet of water at the NA buoy off Fire Island on the bottom. George Foris of Maspeth along with Vito Alagana and Danny Bishof hoisted 16 nice flounder on a dropping tide at the Sea Dog flats Saturday. The same day Dave Lazarti, Larr Ronsiek and Elaine Woods had blackfish of 4½ and 2¾ lbs. at the loop bridge on fiddlers. A few short fluke being caught. Best flounder action was buoy 17 and 19 and heavy chumming is required to get the fish to the bottom.

Over in Franklin Square, **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** tells of Matt Waserman on Sunday, on his boat On Liberty bagging 25 bay blues to 5 lbs. in 45 feet of water off Sandy Hook on umbrellas and wire. Tom Wormburner and his wife accounted for 27 flounder Friday fishing Reynolds Channel with sand worms and lots of chum, fish to 1¾ lbs. Mackerel southeast of Jones and blackfish fair to good at the Big M and ABB.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook, we learn of Saturday and Sunday action for Joe Cascio of Oceanside fishing Banana Splits in Garretts Lead taking six blues 4 to 5 lbs. and a couple more on Sunday. Charlie says the Magnolia Blvd. Pier is still hot. Blackfishing a very good item at the bridges and rock jetties, and the mackerel right through the weekend has been excellent.

Out of Atlantic Beach, Captain Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim**, told of super mackerel fishing this week, running from spikes to big Bostons, catching being made from Cholera to Manasquan, and that he looks forward to at least another week of the hot action.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Over in East Rockaway, **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** tells that 2 hours all around the high has been producing super flounder action on all baits off the Cement block. A few fluke showing this past week but nothing to shout about. Blacks excellent at the bridges and inshore wrecks, said Skippy. Stripers and a few weakfish at the ABB on chunks and on bucktails. At Pete's Clam Bar there's been a ton of bay blues and throwback stripers.

In Howard Beach, Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** told of some flounder being taken off both bridges on either moving tide on worms. Blackfish action has been pretty good at the marine parkway bridge on fiddlers. Jim Dimeo bagged a 6¾ Iber. while Pete Martinez had a 5½ Iber. there. Lot of 3 to 5 lb. blues in the area. Fifty-five were the reward for Frank, Mike, Chee and Dana fishing A27s with tails at Sandy Hook. Lots of throwback stripers being caught on worms on flounder rigs.

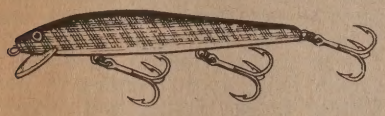
Over in Sheepshead Bay, we learn from the charter boat **Avatar** of excellent blackfishing Saturday and Sunday on some pet pieces not previously worked over yet. Lots of 4 to 7 lbers. with the rest going 2 to 3 lbs. on green crab. Captain Fred said, "These are the kind of blackfish that dreams are made of." He noted that the flounder fishing has been picking up everyday, including some catches of sea flounder.

Aboard the **Zephyr** Captain Butch

told of good catches of ling mixed in with flounder on Saturday while on Sunday good catches of flounder were made locally in the 2 lb. range and blackfish to 3 lbs.

Captain Bob of the **Flamingo III** had some very good mackerel catches this past week, but with the macks now out of reach, the boat is switching over to ling, sea bass and blackfish. See ad for details. He also noted that many blues are showing up which should really be chasing those macks out.

A call from the charter boat **Day Breaker II** told of Sunday's trip off the Tin Can which started out as a blackfish charter for 4 men. Blackfish were strong for the first half of the day at which time the bluefish moved in and the quartet jigged 80 of them, 2 to 5 lbers.



North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Fine sring weekend weather ushered in the tautog season with a flourish, and there were excellent reports all the way from City Island shallows to Sound wrecks near Mattituck. Flounder fishing was petering out, except for some open and deepwater locations, and the traditional Orient-Gardiner's Island zone, which remains good into June. A handful of weakfish made news in the Peconics.

WESTERN SOUND

Mike DiCuffa and Paul Cozlett on **Shorty's Revenge** had one of the best hauls of tautog this season off Huckleberry Island, more than four dozen tog to eight pounds. They were fishing whole green crabs with crushed shells in fifteen feet of water. Mike's father, Pete Anderson of the **North Star** was picking at flounder on sundry west end drops. Fishing was slower over the weekend, but there were some large flatties over two pounds on the rock bottoms around Stamford.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** called the blackfish action "outrageous". On successive days John DiCuffa saw Joe Truschess, Franco Foti and Mark Ettinger return with more than three dozen blackfish to seven pounds. Their catches were made off Harts

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and Execution in shallow water, fishing fiddler and green crabs. Jim Szekely had fifteen tautog to ten pounds near Pea Island in ten to twenty feet of water.

The **Klondike VIII** was still awaiting mackerel in the Sound, and Pete Pearson noted some fish on top over the weekend. Flounder action went from "pretty good" on Friday to "pick and slug" on Sunday on drops from Northport and Lloyds to Cold Spring Harbor in six to fifteen feet of water.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Not all shops reported but we can only assume that the proprietors took a well deserved Mother's Day evening off. The best catch of the weekend for Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** was Carl Augello's three rainbow trout to fifteen inches, taken at Caleb Smith State Park. Chris Belloc had a dozen tautog to six pounds from the Crescent Beach Bay Club while Art and Marilyn Stock had twenty nice flounder from a spot south of the Coast Guard Station near Crab Meadow. Walter Stuven keeps picking up big tautog from Eaton's. His best last week was in the eight pound class.

Mel Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport** saw an excellent catch from the beach by Dominic Calandra. Fishing off Centerport, Calandra had ten large flounder and a two pound scup. There were some good results from Buoy 28C on tautog while Duck Island continued to produce flounder on incoming water in fifteen to twenty foot depths. Flounder were still in the shallows off Morris Rock and there was a rumor concerning a bass in the low twenties, taken near LILCO.

At the **Caraftis Fishing Station** John spoke of a lot of tautog in shallow waters taken on soft baits. The largest on the scales weighed around eight pounds. Most of the flatties west of Cranes Neck were one to one and a half pounds. **Ralph's Fishing Station** in **Mount Sinai** also spotted tautog to in the five to eight and a half pound range for weighing. Not many fish were coming from the Middle grounds, most of the tog were coming from the beaches. There were still flounder near Shoreham, but no mackerel yet.

Bill at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** liked the tautog fishing near the pipeline at the top of the tide and the fishing for school bass between Cedar Beach and Wildwood. The bass were taken on tins in daylight hours. No mackerel yet, but lots of herring along the beaches for false alarms.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters** TJ called to tell us that there were still plenty of flounder in the one to one and a half pound range off Cranes, Eatons and Marshall Field. Fishing with Rich Schaller and a friend on Friday and then with Matt Yovino and a party of three on Saturday, Alberda filled the boat on Successive days. A couple of tautog to four pounds rounded out the Saturday trip.

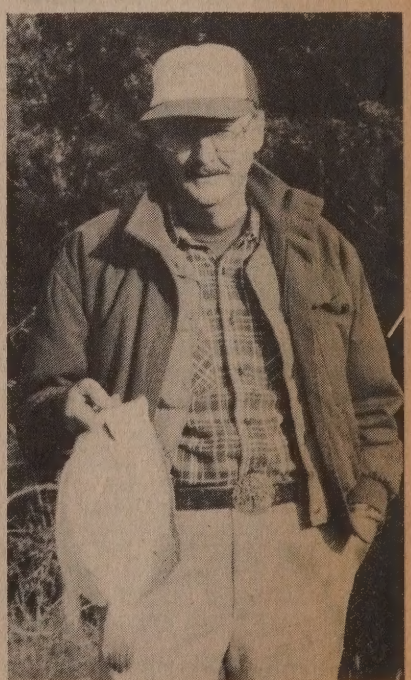
East end reporter Lorry Mangan, fished with Captain Anthony Taverna and Dennis Galanakis on the trailored charter boat "Morning Star" Saturday. Dozens of craft of all sizes anchored at the Shoreham Pipeline, most enjoying decent catches of blackfish. The trio caught over fifty blackfish, with twenty, from three to six and a half pounds going in the cooler. While the blackfish preferred soft baits, half fresh clam or whole sandworm, green crabs were necessary to outlast the persistant bergalls and small sea robbins that have invaded the area.

Video highlights of this trip will be featured on L.I. Fishing this week, with a special tape on dredging hermit crabs. Tune in at 7 p.m. Friday, or 9:30 a.m. Saturday to WLIG-TV, Channel 55, or check your cable listings. A free fishing trip for two on the "Morning Star" will be the grand prize on the Memorial Day drawing. Watch for details!

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** in **Aquebogue** advises early weakfish anglers around Robin's Island to try their worms for tautog when the tide slacks off in the South Race. Diane Stark had a six and three quarter pound tautog, and Dave Ware and Joe Petro had a 5.10 blackfish in their catch. Of course, Ware, who came all the way from Virginia, was proudest of his eight and three quarter pound weakfish, taken on a vanilla jelly worm, sandworm and Berkley Strike. Tautog and stripers have been the big features in the western Peconics, and there seem to be schoolie bass to twenty-two inches around the South Race, according to Kopack. Kopack added that Richard Curry did a leap job on mackerel off Shinnecock Inlet over the weekend. He was file miles southwest of the inlet.

Phil Loria had a half dozen boats out from **Captain Marty's** over the weekend and weighed in the first weakfish of the season, one seven and a half, the other ten pounds. Both fish



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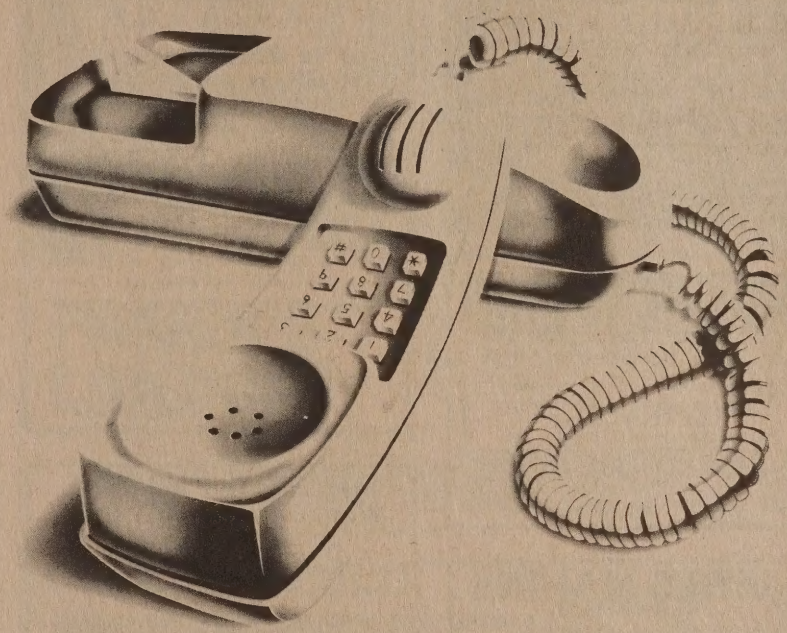

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were taken off Buoy 28 on strawberry worms. Decent trap catches to the west indicate that the larger body of weaks seems to be headed through the Shinnecock Canal this week. Traps to the east in the Gardiner's zone are off to a very slow start. Incidentally, the best catches at Captain Marty's continue to be tautog. Pat MacFarlane had a haul of twenty tog off Robin's and North Race Rock.

Ace Cottral at **Pleasures of the Sea** told us that Pete Izzo had some nice flounder catches off Petty's with the **Boanne II**, and that Tony LoPerfido's **Fishalot** was taking shots at Block Island cod. A catch of small cod and mackerel was reported by a private boat fishing Shagwong. Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** had a mix of fish in reports, but the feature of the week was still flounder for the partyboats. Dave Brennan's **Peconic Star** weighed in the biggest flounder of the week, Artie Hanlon's 3.1 and Patty Burns' 2.12. Ms. Brennan took eight flatties herself on Mother's Day and figures that you couldn't ask for nicer weather and nicer fishing.

We hear that neither the **Peconic Star** nor the **Brand X** have been making more than occasional forays to Gardiner's, but the action there is due anytime late this week. Larry Ciccotto called to describe very good fishing on the **Prime Time III** from Thursday through Saturday on the Sound. Sunday's catch dropped to an average of five per fare, but the weekdays previous had seen averages close to fifteen! Fish ran up to sixteen inches (two pounds) in fourty foot depths.

John Rainis will be sailing daily at 7am from the foot of Sterling Street in Greenport with the new fifty foot **Sea Star**, beginning this week. John's new open boat carries up to fourty, and the number for information is 477-9508. Rainis advises that Tobaccolot did produce a catch of three dozen large flounder on one day last week, but that the fish were gone on the next day.

More tautog and than flounder were registered at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** over the weekend. Liz Caraftis weighed a six pound blackfish and saw a jumbo porgy in catches too. Mixed bag catches were taken west of the inlet, according to both the Mattituck Fishing Station and the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station**. The latter saw a partly filled pail of flatties from the motel area Saturday, too.

Bob Ceglowski of the **Captain Bob** had a fantastic weekend on tautog and expects a good week to come. Wreck fishing with hermit crabs, he had thirty "hangers" to eleven pounds in a haul that filled the boat with tog. He generally combines flatfishing with the blackfishing, and has been quite successful on the flounder on the late day turns of the tide. In fact, Ceglowski had over three dozen flounder between 7 and 8:45pm on his Saturday drop around the Motel. His friday charter from Northport had

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Jean-Pierre Bonfils with 4 and 4 lb. tautog taken May 1st from the City Island shore. It was Jean-Pierre's first time fishing. Subscriber photo.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

While I hadn't really planned on getting the Surf Report started for another week or so, there has been enough school bass action under way to warrant at least this abbreviated report.

At Montauk, Johnny Kronuch called to report lots of school bass action all week on tins and needlefish plugs from Jones Reef down to Scott's. Most of the fish ranged from 3 to 5 lbs., with an occasional 10 to 12 lber. mixing in.

On the North Shore, there have been consistent reports of bass action over the past couple weeks from beaches in the Rocky Point and Stony Brook area as well along the Smithtown Bay Shore and Lloyds Neck. Fish are being taken on small Rebels, Bombers, Hellcats and eelworms. The first reported weakfish from the surf were reported from Sunken Meadow Friday night. Lots of bunker and herring along this stretch of beach Saturday evening.

twenty tautog between seven and ten pounds, too. Flounder sizes in the area are typically one and a half to two pounds.

Ruth White told us that the **Brand X** expects to make its first night trips beginning on Thursday. Call White on 477-0008 or Larry Porter on 477-2284 for details.

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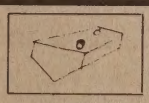

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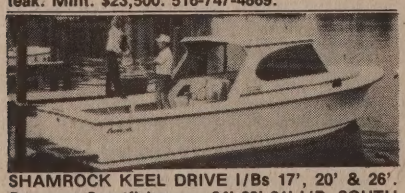

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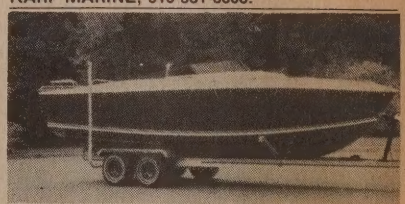

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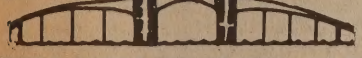

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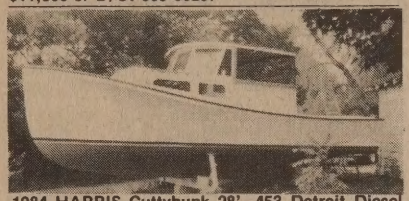

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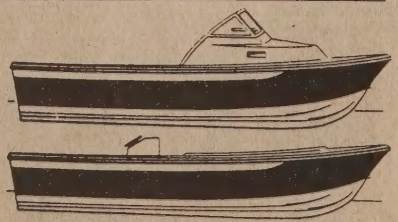

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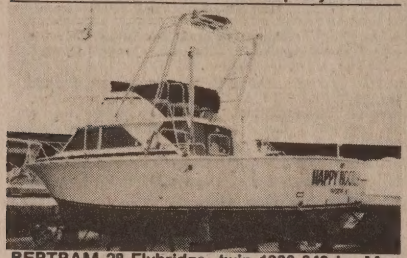

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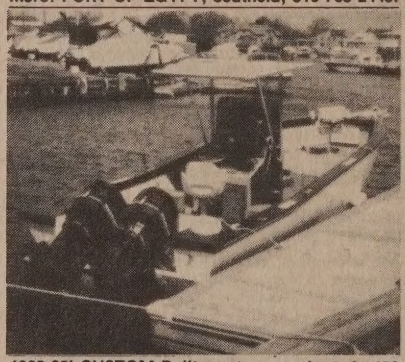

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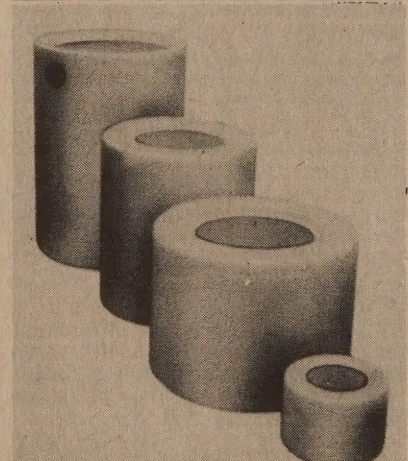

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Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Sunny skies and warm weather prompted many anglers to head to their favorite fishing holes over the weekend and most were well rewarded. Action with bass, pickerel, carp, trout and panfish ranged from decent to excellent.

Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle**, **Lynbrook**, spoke of good fishing in Nassau County last week. Jim Lachiana stopped by on Saturday to check in two carp in the ten pound range taken on carp dough dunked in Grant Park. On Sunday, an angler who did not leave his name reported taking a twenty-one inch pickerel and releasing a 6.5 pound bass in Smith's Pond, Hewlett. Charlie also noted that anglers are still scoring with bass, pickerel and carp in Hempstead Lake.

From Mike Nicolletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle**, **Wantagh**, we hear that local fishermen are pounding the Twin Lakes really hard. Anglers reporting back to the shop told of over eighty people fishing from the bank on Saturday! With so many people fishing in such a confined area, its vital that anglers refrain from littering, and practice a good conservation and catch and release tactics. Despite the heavy pressure, the bass and panfish have been fairly cooperative. Pickerel and carp fishing has also improved since last week. Ralph Paradiso checked in a thirty-one inch pickerel taken on a live killie. Several carp weighing three to ten pounds were also weighed at the shop. Crappies have slowed.

A call to Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center**, **Centereach**, revealed varied fishing. Action with Artist Lake pickerel seems to be on track. On Saturday, Mike Romain took a three pounder five others on a gold spoon while fishing there. In Seatauket's Mill Pond, Lloyd Behran reported taking twelve yellow perch on worms and a five pound carp which fell for a bread bait. Fred also passed on word that he traveled to the Delaware River in search of shad between Hankins and Port Jervis on Saturday. The fishing, however, was very scattered and Fred feels the water is still a little too cool. It might be wise for anglers thinking of shad to give it another week or two.

Trout action inside Caleb Smith State Park on the beautiful Nissequogue River has picked up over the last two weeks according to park manager Mike Venuti. Friday saw a brownie weighing four pounds taken in the pond. Pond fishing has produced with regularity while fishing in the stream has been a little more challenging. Large streamers have been most effective on the larger fish. Mike also was happy to say that a new strain of brown trout has recently been stocked in the park. A German strain, called Meerforelin, it is hoped this brown will more readily take to the sea. The new stockies range 3.5 inches to eight inches in length and can be identified by a clipped adipose fin (the small, fatty fin just ahead of the tail). While the new stockies can legally be taken, Mike encourages that they be released unharmed so that they have a chance to run to the sea and, hopefully, eventually return. If you happen to catch one of these fish during your session, please notify Mike as you leave.

A call to **J&R Sports Center**, **Oakdale**, put me on the line with Phil Briggs who told of good fishing inside Connetquot River State Park Preserve this week past. "Bucktail" Sal Pantaleone nailed a four pound rainbow during the week, and on the weekend, John Gobel of Wheatly Heights used a nymph to click with a 5.5 pounder. Over at Bubbles Falls, Ricky Crottis of Ronkonkoma used a worm to fool a 2.5 pound rainbow. Phil noted that no one has weighed in any pickerel or spoken of released bass. One angler, however, did drop by with a four pound carp taken in Lake Ronkonkoma.

Over at **J&J Bait and Tackle**, **Patchogue**, John confirmed the good fishing on the Connetquot River. Dave Hassel fished there this week and connected with three rainbows to 2.75 pounds. Local action with bass, pickerel and panfish has been pretty consistent.

According to Mary Gallo at Southaven Park, anglers have been catching plenty of small rainbow trout with occasional larger browns mixed in. Matteo Devincenzo worked the "fly only" section with a home-made pattern on Saturday taking two browns to seventeen inches. Gil Habbs also had good luck with browns, taking an eighteen inch trout.

Warren Gehr of **Warren's Archery and Tackle**, **Selden**, reports shop regular Richie doing a bang up job on carp at Lower Yaphank Lake. Richie connected with fish of six pounds and twelve pounds and claimed to have missed a few other hits. Warren also noted that one youngster stopped by to tell of taking a mess of bass and pickerel on live killie baits fished in Pine Hills Pond, Moriches.

At the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin reports John Kelly of Wheatly Heights, rented a boat from the shop and used a spinner to nail a twenty-two inch Peconic River pickerel. Rod Walter of North Babylon, fished Forge Pond over the weekend, taking a 4.65 pound pickerel on a nightcrawler. Saturday saw several boats rented from the shop with all anglers reporting excellent catch and release fishing for small bass.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	9:05	9:25	9:55	10:15	9:40	9:55	10:40	10:45	—	12:25	—	12:30	9:05	9:25	5/14
FRI.	9:55	10:15	10:40	11:05	10:30	10:50	11:30	11:40	12:35	1:15	12:45	1:25	9:55	10:15	5/15
SAT.	10:50	11:15	11:35	11:55	11:35	11:50	—	12:20	1:25	2:10	1:35	2:15	10:45	11:10	5/16
SUN.	11:50	—	—	12:30	—	12:40	12:35	1:20	2:20	3:15	2:30	3:15	11:45	—	5/17
MON.	12:10	12:50	12:55	1:30	12:50	1:40	1:30	2:25	3:25	4:25	3:30	4:15	12:10	12:45	5/18
TUES.	1:10	1:55	1:55	2:40	1:55	2:40	2:40	3:35	4:35	5:50	4:35	5:20	1:10	1:45	5/19
WED.	2:15	2:55	3:00	3:45	2:55	3:40	3:50	4:40	6:15	7:05	5:45	6:25	2:15	2:50	5/20
THURS.	3:15	4:00	4:05	4:55	3:55	4:40	5:05	5:40	7:35	8:05	6:50	7:25	3:15	3:50	5/21

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Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/14	5:41	8:12
FRI. 5/15	5:40	8:13
SAT. 5/16	5:39	8:14
SUN. 5/17	5:38	8:15
MON. 5/18	5:37	8:16
TUE. 5/19	5:36	8:17
WED. 5/20	5:35	8:18

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/14	10:05PM	6:00AM
FRI. 5/15	11:15PM	6:50AM
SAT. 5/16	—	7:50AM
SUN. 5/17	12:17AM	9:05AM
MON. 5/18	1:05AM	10:25AM
TUE. 5/19	1:40AM	11:40AM
WED. 5/20	2:10AM	12:55PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
5/27	6/4	5/13	5/20

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	6:05	—	6:35	12:25
Fri.	7:10	12:55	7:45	1:30
Sat.	8:20	2:10	8:55	2:40
Sun.	9:30	3:20	10:05	3:50
Mon.	10:35	4:25	11:10	4:55
Tues.	11:35	5:25	—	5:55
Wed.	12:10	6:25	12:35	6:50
Thurs.	1:05	7:05	1:20	7:30

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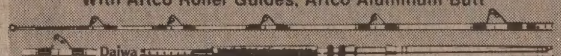

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Model 9093-50H	Reg. $199.95	Sale $147.75
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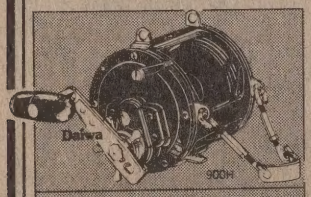

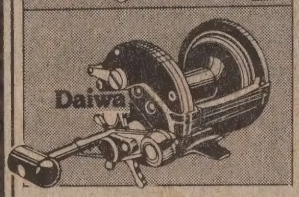

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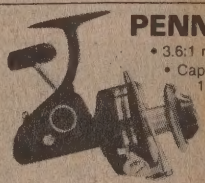

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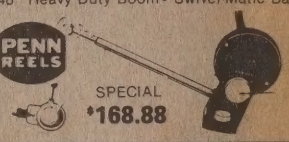

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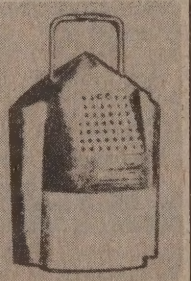

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